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## What will I be? What will I do?

This is the time of year when exams feature as large as the Leaving Certificate season looms for so many thousands of young people. None of us ever forget that time in life even though it will come and it will go. It is a moment in life. It does not necessarily define what our life will be about. It is an ending of secondary education and a step into a new stage of opportunities.

It matters to no one, except ourselves, what we choose to work at or *to be* at any stage of life. We need the services of: teachers, shop cashiers, priest, nurse, hotel catering, cleaning and managerial staff, car mechanic, garda, parish and school secretaries, school principals, carpenter, electrician, cobbler, graphic designer, parish volunteers, museum staff, hospital volunteers..... Every skill and service is vital and necessary with value in the community of people without a hierarchy.

Huge pressure is laid on young people as they come to the end of secondary school and college as they are asked what it is that they are going to do next! It doesn't matter except to the young person concerned. There's a unique path in life for each one and finding what makes us tick it is an adventure not a mind-boggling obstacle course.

The question will be asked: What are you going to do next? What are you going to be? Are you going to college? *I haven't quite decided* or *I don't know yet* are perfectly adequate answers as it's no one's business unless the person concerned wishes to share!

Forget about what might not have been done in preparation for exams! Do your best from today and that is enough. We each have everything we need to deal with whatever challenge comes our way. Fresh starts can be made any time and many times. May this stage be a celebration of who you are now and of the unknown opportunities that waits for you.

Talk to someone you trust if this time is challenging for you. None of us need journey in life alone. Every good wish to all who are preparing to sit Leaving Certificate examination soon and to all who are moving into any new stage in life's journey.



*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Partnership of Parishes in Lucan*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### What is the Free Travel Scheme?

The Free Travel Scheme allows you to travel, free of charge, on public transport and some private bus and ferry services.

Everyone aged 66 and over, living permanently in Ireland, can get the Free Travel Scheme.

People with disabilities and carers aged under 66 may also qualify for Free Travel.

If you qualify for Free Travel and you are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting, your partner may travel with you for free if you meet certain criteria (see 'Spouses, civil partners and cohabitants' below).

If you can't travel alone for medical reasons, you may get Free Travel for a companion. This allows a person aged over 16 to travel with you for free.

Certain conditions apply to the Free Travel Scheme – these are available in Lucan CIC and on our website including how to apply for a Companion Pass and a Senior SmartPass for travelling in Northern Ireland.

### Changes to the Free Travel Scheme in 2024

From 29 July 2024, you will qualify for the Free Travel Scheme if you are aged over 17 and under 66, and:

Have never been able to drive due to a disability

Have a driving licence and are medically certified as 'not fit to drive' for at least 12 months.

While the change won't take effect until July, you can download and fill in an application form for Free Travel for people medically certified unfit to drive (FTM) (pdf) now.

In this case, your spouse, civil partner, or cohabitant cannot accompany you free of charge when travelling.

### Spouses, civil partners and cohabitants

If you are entitled to Free Travel and you are married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting, your partner may be able to travel with you for free.

Your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant cannot travel with you for free, if you are under age 66 and getting Free Travel because you are:

#### Getting Carer's Allowance

The nominated carer for a person getting Constant Attendance Allowance or Prescribed Relatives Allowance

Your PSC card must have FT-S on it to allow your partner travel with you. To add your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant to your Free Travel - see below.

### How to apply for Free Travel

If you are aged 66 or over and are getting a State pension, your Public Services Card (PSC) will be issued showing that you have Free Travel automatically.

If you are under 66, you will get Free Travel automatically issued on your PSC if you get one of the following payments:

Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Disability Allowance, Carer's Allowance

If you are married or in a civil partnership, your PSC will be issued with FT-S on it. If you are cohabiting, you must fill in Part 1 and 2 of the Free Travel application form FT1 (pdf).

If you are not getting one of the payments above but you are eligible for Free Travel, you must fill in the Free Travel application form FT1(pdf) and send to the Free Travel Section in the Department of Social Protection.

### Social Welfare Services

College Road, Sligo, Ireland

Tel: (071) 915 7100 or 0818 200 400

Homepage:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/9bba61-free-travel-scheme/>

Email: [freetravelqueries@welfare.ie](mailto:freetravelqueries@welfare.ie)

## 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 Drama - Thank You

Well everyone at Lucan Drama is taking a well-earned rest, but only a short one, after yet another hugely successful run of drama in Lucan.

Great productions, a great venue and fantastic audiences were the order of the day.

We would like to thank everybody involved in getting these performances on stage, the wonderful staff and management at Courtney's who were simply amazing, our great supporters at the Lucan Newsletter and most importantly the people of Lucan for, once again, coming out to get behind your community drama group in great numbers, it was a blast!. Thank you all.

There is more to come from Lucan Drama in the next few months so keep reading the Newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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



May 8th was submission day for the application form for the Tidy Towns national competition. After a concerted effort we finally got it over the line.

This year our dedicated bunch of volunteers is strengthened by the support and co-operation of the wider community, schools, businesses and sports organisations.

Thank you to the individuals who have donated plants and contributed financially. Our Saturday work schedule has been eased greatly by permission to locate our tools in a business premises in the village and we are grateful for the lovely Tidy Towns signs dotted throughout the village in various flower beds. A gifted compost bin is nestling in a secure location!!

A special thank you to the secondary school pupils who involved themselves in environmental projects this year and are now about to go on their summer break. Welcome to the boys of Coláiste Phádraig who recently committed to join with us as they work towards acquiring a green flag for water conservation.

*Ní neart go cur le chéile  
Lucan Tidy Towns*

## Lucan ICA

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Craft ladies finishing their Blackwork pieces, all enjoyed the classes.

**Tea Hostesses** for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Miriam Gavin and Marie O'Sullivan.

We will not have a Craft Class next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June as it is a Bank Holiday. We all hope the weather will be nice to enjoy the long weekend.

We send our condolences to Margaret Hynes on the death of her brother Seán.

*May he rest in peace.*



## Did I read that right?

**At a Health Food Shop**  
'CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS'.



# 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 and girls from *Lucan Educate Together* and *St Andrew's N.S.* who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Hope you all have a lovely day.*



### **St. Mary's Readers' Roster June 2024**

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of June 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



### **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.*

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

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS 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*



## 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)

### Confirmation

Best wishes to the boys and girls from  
*Lucan Community N.S., Lucan East*  
*Educate Together N.S., Griffeen Valley*  
*Educate Together N.S. and Divine Mercy*  
*Senior N.S.* who will be confirmed this coming week.



*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.

### Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the

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

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

**Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

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

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society:** St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes.** We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

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

**Wednesday tea/coffee morning:** There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance).



## 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)

**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

**THIS 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**

**Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786**

**Marie McBride 087 122 6766.**

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

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

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

## Anniversaries

### BRIDGET FINN

38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May

In loving memory of a beloved wife and mother, Bridget.

Gone from home that smiling face  
Those cheerful, loving ways  
The heart that won so many friends  
In bygone, happy days  
We want to tell you something  
So there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of  
But so hard to be without.

*Always loved and sadly missed by Eddie, Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and families xx*



### BRIAN HENNESSY

46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 31<sup>st</sup> May

*Lovingly remembered by all his family xxx*

### JONATHON HEFFERNAN

38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 29<sup>th</sup> May

"And though you're gone,  
You're with me every single day  
Believe me".

*Beloved always, Mam and Chris*



### BREEDA SULLIVAN

16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 28<sup>th</sup> May

As each year passes  
We realise more and more  
Just how special you were.

*Lovingly remembered by your husband, family, relations and friends*

## Birthday Remembrance

### ALEC (FRANCES) O'KEARNEY

28<sup>th</sup> May


Late of Arthur Griffith Park and City Quay.  
Time tries and fails

To erase your loving memory.

*Remembered, missed and loved by your wife Ann Marie, children, grandchildren, brother Eddie, extended family and his many friends*

**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: BRIGGE  
Phone: 076 2725875

## All Ireland Rosary Rally – Knock

The All Ireland Rosary Rally is back this year on **Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>** in Knock.

The day begins with a Marian Conference at 9.30am in St. John's Centre.

### Speakers include:

Fr. Michael Donnelly, Sr. Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM, and Fr Joseph Maria Deane

CFR. Then there will be an opportunity to meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St. John's Centre. A well-renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk at 1pm in the Basilica. Then there will be the Stations of the Cross outside at 2pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm Concelebrated Mass which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions are available throughout the day and there will be rosary and scapular-making workshops in the marquee. For more information and to see a list of buses going from around Ireland please visit [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)





### Summer at last!

While we have a little dip in temperatures these days, the effects of the sunshine and warmth can be seen in the rampant growth around the place – most notably, the weeds!



This beautiful sunset was captured over the Spa Hotel on Monday evening last - such a lift we get from scenes like the above.

**Lots of activity at Lucan House** on Monday last, as our President, Michael D, and the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella, met up with other dignitaries to formally inaugurate Parco Italia. It seems that the ownership of the property has been transferred to South Dublin County Council, and it looks like the famed sculptures of Buffalos, are part of the deal.

Let's hope that good decisions are made in relation to the future of this historic spot. While it may well be open to visitors, you have to wonder about parking etc....

### Were you caught up in last Friday's traffic?

While Lucan Village and surrounds are always busy, last Friday's traffic was something else following a tragic accident on the M50. There must be some way to avoid such gridlock, which went on from late morning to well into the evening. Back to the drawing board.....

### Planning Application:

SD24A/0124W 17 May 2024 Permission

New Application

Applicant: DAA PLC

Location: St. Marys Church, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Description: The installation of an aircraft noise monitoring terminal on a standalone, tiltable mast structure (6m in height) along with associated works including electrical connection on land within the car park of St. Mary's Church, Lucan Road, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

A couple of other areas in the region have similar planning applications pending at the moment. While the noise from aeroplanes flying over Lucan doesn't seem as bad as a few years back, there is definitely concern for some areas. Nice to know these things are being looked at.



**Reflections and 2 Bridges!** Another photo from St. Mary's Camera Soiree reflecting the beauty of Lucan. Downstream is the present 1814 bridge, and to the right of the picture is the remains of the 1771 bridge, which lasted about ten years, being washed away in a flood.

### Did I read that right?

**At the Repair Shop**

'WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR AS THE BELL DOESN'T WORK'.

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a great attendance this week for the 3rd of our 4 chair yoga sessions. So many commented on how relaxed they felt afterwards, when we had refreshments followed by cards and scrabble.

We just have one yoga session left, next Wednesday, so do come along to join us, St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan. New members always welcome.



We are also planning day trips mid-July and mid-August while the club is closed for summer, details will be available soon.

### Garden Open Day

**Fundraiser for**



**LauraLynn**  
Is Ireland's only Children's Hospice, providing palliative and hospice care and support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families from all across Ireland.

**@ 43 Beech Grove, Lucan**  
**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**10.30am – 4.00pm**

Support this very worthy cause.  
Stroll around the garden.  
Relax and chat.  
**Tea/Coffee served.**

**Bring a friend**

**Donation on leaving**

**Contact:**  
Joe & Aine Clayton 086 0561497



## 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.

## 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](#)

**For more details, contact**

[lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie)

Or call (01) 6283557.

Happy Birthday

to

**Barbara**

on the 28th May,

Hope you have a great day!



## Confey Lands Master Plan

We received quite a long letter from a reader concerned about proposed developments in the Confey area. Among the concerns are interference with heritage sites, the cemetery, and sports facilities, all to facilitate the construction of a new road to Blanchardstown.

The plan is available in pdf format at the following link:

<https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/system/files/materials/7947/Draft%20Confey%20Masterplan.pdf>







# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**U17's unlucky in Leinster Shield Final:** Hard luck to our U17 footballers who lost their game against local rivals Colaiste Phadraig Lucan in the Leinster Junior Shield on Tuesday. Thanks to Mr O'Gorman for coaching the team to the final.



**TY's receive Microsoft Certification:** Well done to the TY students who were invited to attend and compete in the Microsoft Office Specialist National Finals in One Microsoft Place last week. Students who competed were Aoife Dowling, Alanna Fennell, Emma Hickey, Amanda Kubiak, Daniel Shkurpit, and Sophia Sinardet. Thanks to Mr Doyle and Ms McCarthy for assisting these students on their Microsoft journey throughout Transition Year.



**LauraLynn Fundraiser:** On behalf of Amelia and Calvin (1st Year Biles) we would like to say 'thank you' for your support in reaching our €500 fundraising target and to all of our Rowers who completed the 132km Row-the-Liffey challenge!

**Sports Day:** The PE Department organised a wonderful Sports Day for our First and Second year students last week. A great day was had by all!

**Transition Year Graduation:** On Tuesday we held the Transition Year Graduation. Congratulations to all of our TY students who graduated from the Transition Year Programme in Lucan Community College. Thanks to all students who participated wonderfully in a fantastic year. Thanks to Year Head Colette Clarke and TY Coordinator Imelda Higgins for all of their wonderful work with the students throughout the year.

**Class of 2024 Graduate from Lucan Community College:** On Wednesday 22nd May, Lucan Community College held a graduation ceremony for the Class of 2024. The end of year celebrations began last week when we held our inaugural Teachers V 6th Years matches. A Pizza Party was held on Friday afternoon to mark the last school day for the students. Many thanks to Deputy Principal Ms Malone and 6th Year Year Head Mr Grimes for assisting the students on their journey through Post Primary school. We wish the students the best of luck as they prepare for their Leaving Certificate exams in June.



**Fifth Year trip to Emerald Park:** On Friday 5th Year students enjoyed a trip to Emerald Park. Many thanks to Year Head Ms Casey and the tutor team who accompanied the students. Students and teachers enjoyed a great day out!



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards Night:** The annual Coláiste Phádraig Awards Night was held in the school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Sports Hall was once again packed with over 500 people in attendance as parents, family, friends, students and staff gathered together to celebrate a whole host of award winners at the biggest event in the school calendar. In total, over 250 awards were given out to 185 students and it was an extremely positive night celebrating the fantastic achievements of our students throughout a very successful school year.

The opening awards were for academic excellence but the majority of awards on the night were non-academic, with awards for the BT Young Scientists, the Student Council, Mark O' Neill Student of the Month winners, Gaeilgeoiri na Míosa winners, Sports Stars of the Month winners, Class Tutor awards, Young Economist of the Year, music awards, well-being awards, Green Schools, sports awards, effort and application, co-operation and courtesy merits awards, Visual Art Creativity and homework awards to name but a selection!



1<sup>st</sup> yr **Adam Breen** held off some fierce competition to claim the **Sports Star of the Year Award** in recognition of his outstanding displays for the school's 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer and Gaelic Football teams.

**Dara Reilly** and **Niall Ryan Doyle** were joint winners of the **Transition Year Student of the Year Award** in recognition of their fantastic all-round contributions to TY.

6<sup>th</sup> yr **Frank Nwoke** won the overall **From Each, His Best** award in recognition of giving of his best at all times in every aspect of school life.

6<sup>th</sup> yr **Tyler Doherty** won the **Padraic Naughton** award for his fantastic all-round contribution to school life throughout the year.

The main award of the night, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was won by 6<sup>th</sup>

yr **Tabib Haque**, who has impressed his teachers and management with his maturity, impeccable manners, strong work-ethic, positivity, leadership qualities and helpfulness throughout the year.

An enjoyable night was had by all and thanks to Ms. Shanahan and Ms. O' Leary who did a great job introducing and presenting the awards throughout the evening, and to Ms. Casey for her fantastic work preparing, collecting and distributing the awards.

Many thanks also to Vivienne Ralph from Diamond & Gem Jewellers in Lucan who provided all of the awards for the ceremony and was a constant support right up until the last few frenzied hours of preparation!

### Soccer:

Congratulations to our u17 soccer team who won the Leinster Junior Shield on Tuesday after



defeating Lucan CC 3-1 in a fiercely contested and entertaining game. Will Smith and Eoin Maher scored 1<sup>st</sup> half-goals to give the team a 2-0 half-time lead before Cillian Murphy extended the lead just after half-time with a powerfully struck effort from close range. Lucan CC fought hard and did manage to pull a goal back but our defence held firm despite late LCC pressure to see out the game and claim the title after a very impressive team display.

**Sports Day:** Coláiste Phádraig's annual Sports Day was held in fine Spring sunshine on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. There were many excellent gold-winning performances from students across all of the year groups, with some of our finest athletes managing an impressive haul of 3 gold medals! 5<sup>th</sup> yr Glenn Maguire was crowned the school's fastest student as he romped to victory in the Senior 100m Final while Tyler Doherty broke the long standing high jump record when he cleared 1.90m to claim gold in a highly dramatic final.

The day finished with the traditional Teachers v Students soccer match. As usual it was a highly competitive game with tackles flying in from both sides! The students eventually won 5-3 on penalties after an entertaining 3-3 draw, sparking joyous scenes of celebration among the players and somewhat partisan supporters!

## St. Joseph's College

### **Pfizer Junior Science Achievement Program:**

The Pfizer Junior Science Achievement Program aims to build on the massive growth science and technology booming in Ireland. Students have a chance to get a leg-up on in-demand science and tech careers as speakers from Pfizer come into the school will introduce students to female mentors who work in STEM-related fields and show them the exciting possibilities for their future in the areas of science, technology and engineering. The aim of the program is to encourage students to ask questions about their own futures and urge them to consider a career in STEM.

**Relove fashion:** Students from first, second and fourth year learned about the circular economy, sustainable fashion and the importance of sustainable design and repair last week. They visited the Rediscovery Centre in Ballymun and took part in the Relove Fashion event. Relove Fashion is a Sustainable Fashion competition open to young people of secondary school age across the Republic of Ireland. The competition was developed and is funded through a partnership between the Regional Waste Management Planning Offices, The Government of Ireland and the Rediscovery Centre, Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy. Earlier in the year, our very own Maram Zaiouche (2<sup>nd</sup> year) made the final of the competition.

**Under 14 Gaelic football final:** A massive hard luck to our brilliant under 14 Gaelic football team who were beaten in the Dublin final last Thursday. Our girls were up against a brilliant Loreto Abbey, Dalkey team and extra time was needed to separate the sides. Unfortunately our girls came out on the losing side on a score line of 3-10 to 3-11. The team did super all year, captained by the brilliant Chloe Doyle. In the final, Mia Sliney was awarded player of the match.

**Gaisce awards:** On Friday, there was a pizza party in the school as some students finished their last day of volunteering for the silver and bronze Gaisce award. The students now progress to the next stage of the process. Gaisce – The President's Award is Ireland's national youth award and is a self-development programme for young people age 14-25.

**Epic museum:** On Thursday 16th May, ten students in Second Year who are all members of Women's History Club visited 'EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum' with Ms. Plummer and Ms. McGroarty to complete a treasure hunt about women's history. The students had a great time working in teams to search for key and interesting facts about several female historical figures in the museum, before heading onto O'Connell Street afterwards for lunch. It was a fun day packed with lots of history and great weather

**House exams:** Best of luck to all first and fifth year students beginning their house exams this Friday morning.



## Little by Little

"Little by little", an acorn said,  
As it slowly sank in its mossy bed,  
"I am improving every day,  
Hidden deep in the earth away."

Little by little, each day it grew;  
Little by little, it sipped the dew;  
Downward it sent out a thread-like root;  
Up in the air sprung a tiny shoot.

Day after day, and year after year,  
Little by little the leaves appear;  
And the slender branches spread far and wide,  
Till the mighty oak is the forest's pride.

Far down in the depths of the dark blue sea,  
An insect train work ceaselessly.  
Grain by grain, they are building well,  
Each one alone in its little cell.

Moment by moment, and day by day,  
Never stopping to rest or to play,  
Rocks upon rocks, they are rearing high,  
Till the top looks out on the sunny sky.

The gentle wind and the balmy air,  
Little by little, bring verdure there;  
Till the summer sunbeams gayly smile  
On the buds and the flowers of the coral isle.

"Little by little," said a thoughtful boy,  
"Moment by moment, I'll well employ,  
Learning a little every day,  
And not spending all my time in play.  
And still this rule in my mind shall dwell,  
Whatever I do, I will do it well.

"Little by little, I'll learn to know  
The treasured wisdom of long ago;  
And one of these days, perhaps, we'll see  
That the world will be the better for me";  
And do you not think that this simple plan  
Made him a wise and useful man?

*Anonymous*

### **Note:**

We have printed the above poem in answer to a reader's request – someone who was intrigued by the lines seen at the various sculptures in Lucan Demesne – keep an eye out for them next time you're walking that way!

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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

*Location:* We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

### **Golden Hour Retirement Club**

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

*May 30<sup>th</sup>:* 2pm - Social Coffee Hour

**Summer Fun Day:** We're looking forward to our first Community Summer Fun Day in the centre on Sunday, 14 July! We'll be welcoming everyone from our local community to come up to the centre and have some family fun from 11 to 3!

Keep the date free and we'll be sharing more details soon.



**Interested in starting your own business?** We will be hosting a course during June for people interested in starting their own business. Get in touch if you'd like to learn more.

**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.



**Older people need your support!**

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### 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 €1,400.

The Numbers were **2, 7, 13, 16.**

**The lucky dip prizes go to** Catherine Dardis, Cathy O'Neill, Josephine Mahon, Liam Mulhall, Dermot English.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,800. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Edel Mooney.



### Summer Camps

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

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

### School of Excellence

We had a great response to our school of excellence which is now sold out. To join the waiting list please contact Alan on 0871213587. Due to this demand, we have decided to run a second school of excellence from the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of August. Keep an eye out for more details.

### Hurling

A good weekend for our adult hurlers with league wins for seniors (v Na Fianna), Intermediates (v Oliver Plunkett's) and Junior As (v Fingallians), and all three remain in contention in their respective divisions. The Lucan Junior B hurlers maintained their recent good form with two further wins in their most recent league fixtures.



This is a big week for Dublin hurling with U20s and Minors playing Leinster finals on Wednesday evening and Saturday respectively, and Seniors playing key final group stage match in Galway next Sunday. Best of luck to the three teams and particularly to all the Lucan lads involved.

### Football

The Senior footballers have two matches this week, all support welcome. The first is on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at home to Whitehall, this game will throw in at 19:15. Their second match of the week is away to St Mary's Saggart on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 18:30.

Our minor footballers had a great win over the weekend against Crokes on a scoreline of 5:11 – 3:08. Good stuff lads! A huge thank you to Keeling's Fruit for sponsoring our minor football and hurling team this year.

### Ladies Football

Our Junior B ladies' footballers would like to thank Silvertung Media for sponsoring their new set of jerseys.

### Academy

Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill - 0871213587

### County

Hard luck to our girls on the Dublin senior camogie team in their Leinster final loss to Kilkenny on Saturday. Onwards and upwards for the All-Ireland series!

Hard luck to Rian, Senan, Killian, Cian and the Dublin Minors last night in their tough loss to Longford in extra time in the Leinster final. Congratulations to Chris Crummey who has been named in the GAA.ie Hurling team of the week after his performance against Kilkenny.

Well done to Mia Donohue who represented the Dublin U14 camogie team over the weekend. Best of luck to Mark, Killian, Oscar, Senan and the Dublin Minor Hurlers who face Kilkenny this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of May in the Leinster final. The match is throwing in at 1:30pm in Laois Hire O'Moore Park, all support welcome.

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields  
GAA Club.*



## 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.

### Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Maidin dheas le bheith amach ag imirt peile in aghaidh na Seanchille ag na Buachaillí F9. 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.

### 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 nGAELI ÓGA ABÚ ag an deireadh



### Buachaillí F13 - Iomáint

Cluiche Iománaíochta in aghaidh Naomh Saibheastair a bhí ag na BF13 i Mullach Íde. D'imir na buachaillí go hiontach, ag pasáil go maith agus ag obair le chéile. Bhuaigh siad an cluiche 9-11 go dtí 0-0.

Go raibh maith agat Rhys ó na BF12 as an gcabhrú.

### Buachaillí F10 - Iomáint

Chuir na buachaillí F10 taispeántas Iomána den scoth os ár gcomhair ar an Sathairn. D'imir siad go cruá is cróga in aghaidh foireann an-scliúil ó CLG na Seancille.



Maith sibh go léir.  
NGÓ abú!!!

### Foireann F14 Baile Átha Cliath

Comhghairdeachas le hAnna Nesbitt agus Leah Nic Giolla Pádraic a d'imir le foireann faoi 14 Bhaile Átha Cliath inné. Bhí Leah ag imirt i gCill Dara agus Anna i gContae an Dúin Táimid an-bhródúil astu! Maith sibh a chailíní



# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

**Terenure 5- mile Road Race Sunday 9:30am,  
12th May 2024**



This very popular, sold-out race took place on a stunningly sunny Sunday morning, not a cloud in the sky, a humidity of 73%, and no wind with

temperatures already around 20 degrees by race start. This was going to be a hot one!

A fantastic atmosphere awaited participants, pacers with flags and balloons assembled at the start and runners eagerly lined up behind them waiting for the off. The route took runners from the start on Fortfield Road, along the Templeogue Road, towards Terenure village, where runners were treated to a highly entertaining drumming band, unfortunately no time to stop to enjoy, as runners turned up Terenure Road West where the sound of the drums subsided replaced by the cheers of children who had practiced a chant to spur the runners on. Happy to have the sneaky, barely noticeable incline behind them runners continued along the Wainsford Road, turning on to Templeville Road, looping back on to the Templeogue Road. The route repeated, past the very much welcomed water station just before the 3 miles mark, continuing the second lap of the course. The cheers and support from spectators was very welcome as the runners sought shade from the intermittent trees along the way.

The final mile looping for a short distance on Wainsford Road, onto the Fortfield Road to the cheers and support of spectators and passing drivers alike, where the finish line shimmered in the morning sun.

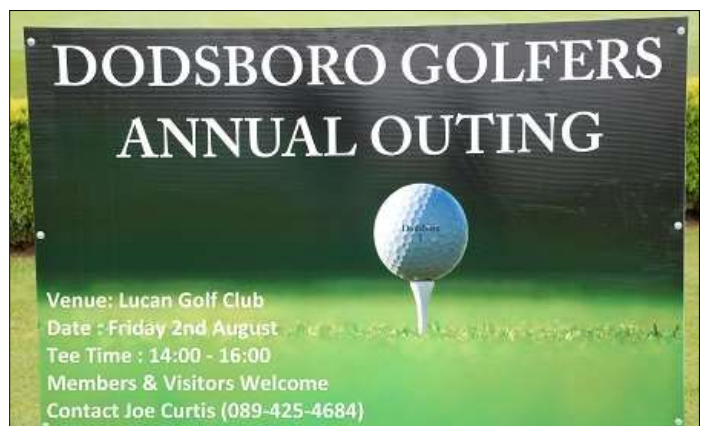
Runners were treated to a goody bag and plenty of water at the finish line, and encouraged to return to Our Lady's School,

the Race HQ, where tea/coffee and snacks were available, runners could also leave items in the school before the race.



*Loretta Geissel, Marta Cieniuch, Kate Cooney.*

The first Lucan Harriers home was Eamon Ryan with a time of 31.25 minutes, followed by Liz Arkins at 42:49. The Fit4life members all achieved PBs, Marta Cieniuch, 54:13 and Kate Cooney, 54:56 smashing their previous PBs, and Loretta Geissel, 1:05:58 completed her first ever 5mile race. One for the calendar next year!



**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)



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

There was no meeting of the group in the Parish Centre this Friday but it will be business as usual next Friday.

This week, apart from Conor's photograph of a magnificent sunset on Lopud Island, which is a small island off the coast of Dalmatia, southern Croatia, all our photographs are local.

Rose captured some lovely reflections of familiar sights in Lucan.



Joe sent in a beautiful photo of a field of rape seed in blossom and Frances submitted a favourite of members of the group – **“The Wonderful Barn”**.

According to the [curiousireland.ie](http://curiousireland.ie) website this odd structure was commissioned as a famine relief project in the years after the forgotten famine of 1740-41 by Katherine Connolly the widow of William Speaker Connolly of the Castletown Estate. (Estimates put the death toll of this famine between 250,000 and 480,000). The building, sometimes described as a ‘folly’, was designed as a multipurpose famine relief project and was used, inter alia, for storing grain and possibly as a domestic dwelling.

Before signing off I must draw your attention to the fact that I think I have seen the first advertisement with a reference to Christmas even though at the time of writing there are 217 days to go. Unless I am gone stark raving mad, I *did* see a large advertisement on Con Colbert Road for a well-known chocolate bar that contains a large Christmas Tree and a gentleman wearing a party hat! I'm certain that the ad has not been left over since last Christmas.

*Stay safe until next week!*

