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## ***Celebrating Lay Ministry!***

During this season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost Sunday when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, we hear accounts from the Acts of the Apostles each day. This book in the Bible gives account of the life of the first Christians after the time of Jesus death and resurrection. The first Christians are revealed as being very human, struggling with the best and the worst of human dynamics while striving to live the message of Jesus Christ anew. They doubt, they fear, they argue and try to figure out how best to live together and to serve those who choose the path of Jesus. In the death and resurrection of Jesus, the rug was pulled from under them so that they had to weave a new way, relevant for where they found themselves.

As they lived the most human of lives on their journey of Christianity, the first Christians dedicated themselves to prayer and ministry enlivening their local communities in every encounter. They gathered to break bread together, sharing in the Eucharist, engaging in the ongoing celebration of the Last Supper where Christ as head was always present. They were inspired by those who lived life well.

We do the same today in every parish community. Our times are uncertain and ever changing. However, uncertainty and change is a constant – we are sometimes stuck on the path as the pace of change is possibly occurring faster than that with which we feel we can keep up!

We have a parish community where most of our services to one another, are provided by people who minister voluntarily. Living as a community takes organisation: the matters of administration, organisation of readers, choirs, cleaning, maintenance, etc is core to having a place and a way of being together and serving one another in a manner similar to how the first Christians did!

Every person who volunteers their services in the parish community, every person who arrives to pray, every person who looks at another with a smile or a welcome word, every person who shares a skill...contributes to building and maintaining our parish communities as places where the hope and love of Christ may be found and shared. Christ is truly alive among us using our hands, feet, hearts and minds to connect us together and to reach out as an ever-missionary people, right where we are.

Together we are church, as we see in the lives of the first Christians! We celebrate all who minister in our own parishes. Let us take note of what is possible in our parish because of the generosity of so many. If anyone has a skill or time that they might wish to offer to the community, the door is always open!

*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

### Bowel screening now for ages 57 to 71

If you're aged 57 to 71 years old, you can now get a free bowel screening every 2 years.

Previously, the age range was 58 to 70 years.

If you're aged 57, you'll be invited for bowel screening between your 57th and 59th birthdays.

If you're already on the programme, you'll be invited when your next test is due.

When invited, you'll get a test kit delivered to your home. Follow the instructions, then post the kit back in the pre-paid envelope. You'll get your results within 4 weeks.

You can check if you're on the register for BowelScreen:

Online, or by calling 1800 45 45 55

Find more information about bowel screening on our website.

### Income Limits Increase for some Local Authority Loans

Property price and income limits increased for some local authority loans. Since 1 April 2026, there has been an increase to the property price and income limits for the:

Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan (LAPR), and Local Authority Home Loan

For both loans, the income limit is now:

€80,000 if you apply on your own

€85,000 for joint applicants

### You can also buy a higher-value property than before.

You may qualify for the Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan (LAPR) if you are a first-time buyer or 'fresh start applicant' (for example, if you're separated and have no financial interest in the family home). You must be buying and renovating a derelict or uninhabitable home.

You may qualify for the Local Authority Home Loan, which is a mortgage with reduced interest rates, if you are a first-time buyer or 'fresh start applicant'.

Find out more and check the new property price limits:

Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan (LAPR), and Local Authority Home Loan

### New Vacant Above the Shop Grant

*Did you know you can get funding to convert a vacant space over a shop into a home?*

The Vacant Above the Shop Grant helps refurbish empty spaces above shops so they can be lived in.

You can get up to €95,000 if you create one home above the shop, and more if you create more than one home. You can also get up to 20% more than the standard rates if you live on an off-shore island.

The amount you get depends on the type of work you do to the property.

*You may qualify for the grant if:*

The property is vacant for at least 2 years (the shop part doesn't have to be vacant).

It was built before 2008.

You plan to live in it, or rent it out long-term and register it with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB).

You're not a registered company or developer.

The commercial space in the building stays there for at least 10 years.

You will need to return part (or all) of the grant if you sell the property within 10 years.

To apply, complete the application form and send it with supporting documents to your local authority.

### Carers & Toddlers Group

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



*All Welcome!*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 6th May: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am – 2.30pm.



## Time for some gardening.....

Why not go out in that sun and take out the gardening tools. It's a great hobby and has health benefits too. Pop down to Woodie's or a local gardening shop and pick up some plant and flower seeds or small plants and a gardening spade or fork.

You can plant them in the garden or in pots. It can be very rewarding to watch something you plant grow and to care for it. It's also uplifting to have shrubs and flowers in your house and garden. There are so many things you can plant, even vegetables and herbs of all kinds. Herbs are very robust and it can mean fresh herbs year round to add to your meals.

I recently held an online workshop called Optimising your Green Spaces and there were so many ideas given by the speakers. The first speaker – Ger O'Halloran of Connecting Cabra, spoke about greening your local shared community spaces and how small collective efforts can make a difference to an area and community. The other speaker Michael Kelly, a gardening expert, gave advice on many various gardening techniques and ideas to make the most of your space – from soil treatment to raised beds to encouraging biodiversity.



So why not get your gardening gloves on, along with a helper to grow something together!

*by Karla Doran – An Taisce Climate Ambassador*

## Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:

May 9th, 2026 (later start),

2.30pm – 5.30pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2026 dates: June 13<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup>

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa

## Lucan Drama

Dubs in Space, Reunion and Bells are plays you will never had heard about, until now. They are three new plays, all written by members of Lucan Drama and all three will have their World Premières in our upcoming evening of One Acts in **Courtney's of Lucan from May 25th to May 28th.**



Here at Lucan Drama we are so lucky to be blessed with great talent, from acting to directing, from stage managing to set design and in recent years we have added writing to that list.

If you haven't been to a World Première recently why not come along and see three in one night.

Tickets will be on sale very soon.

*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep*

Come and Join us for a Cuppa



THE ALZHEIMER  
SOCIETY of IRELAND

## Tea Day

6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

1.30pm to 3.30pm

St Mary's Parish Centre  
Lucan

Eircode: K78 E138



# 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

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

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

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

**St. Mary's Readers' Roster May:** The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of May 2026 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:** Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's at funeral.

**Confessions:** After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

**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.

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

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment 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, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email

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

**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.

**Legion of Mary:** Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

## Rosary

The Rosary will be said at the Grotto outside the Church for the **month of May.**

**Monday to Friday at 6.30pm each evening**

*Legion of Mary*



**Divine Mercy Devotion:** Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **John Fitzgerald**, Ballydowd Grove and to the family and friends of **Tess Greene**, Sarsfield Close. **May they rest in peace.**



## Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Mass at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

**All Welcome**

A colorful poster for a Young Adults Lucan meeting. The text reads: 'ARE YOU AGED 18 - 35? AND WANT TO EXPLORE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST? SOCIALIZE WITH OTHERS YOUR AGE AND DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH? JOIN US FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ESKER, LUCAN @ 7.30PM FOR AN HOUR OF CATECHETICAL INPUT, ADORATION AND FRATERNITY'. The logo features a shield with a cross, a chalice, and a host, with the text 'YOUNG ADULTS LUCAN' and 'FIDES. COMMUNIO. FRATERNITAS.' below it. A vertical yellow banner on the right side says 'NEXT MEETING 7th MAY'.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

**Medjugorje: 7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions

**8.50pm** Benediction.

### Legion of Mary:

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

### Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

### Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

### Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

There's a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

### Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm. *All welcome.*



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

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

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

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

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

### Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

### 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.

### Communion for the Homebound:

If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at:

[secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

### 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.

### Tea/Coffee:

Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. *Do drop in. All welcome.*



## Date for your Diary

**30<sup>th</sup> May**

Knock Pilgrimage,

*More details later.*

We were sorry to hear of the death of our friend

**Tess Greene**



We send our condolences to her family and friends at this difficult time.

Tess always looked after us on a Thursday when she worked in the Coffee Dock in St Mary's Parish Centre

*May she rest in peace.*

*Lucan Newsletter Team*



**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent

Support Evening on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## Anniversary

**John Ryan**

**7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 6<sup>th</sup> May**

*In memory of John*

Time cannot steal the treasures

That we carry in our hearts

Nor even dim the shining thoughts

Our cherished past imparts.

For the memories of the ones we loved

Still cast a gentle glow to grace our days

And light our paths wherever we may go.

*Lovingly remembered by his wife Nancy, daughters Róisín, Nóirín and Siobhán, sons-in-law, grandchildren and extended family.*



## Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan

### Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**At 3pm**

*(Weather permitting)*

## Esker Active Retirement Association

Esker Active Retired meet every Wednesday at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan, 1.30 to 4. Activities include indoor bowls, scrabble and card games, mainly Whist and 25.

We have other activities from time to time, such as chair yoga, chaerobics, line dancing etc. We also organise trips around Ireland, and also further afield, for instance about 30 members are travelling to Portugal.

New members always welcome.



### 2026 Pilgrimage Season

A pilgrimage has a vital part to play in our life of faith, for it removes us from our daily routines, and gives us time and space to encounter God more deeply.  
- Pope Leo XIV

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - Night-before accommodation available for pilgrims who have booked a Three Day Pilgrimage or One Day Retreat.

#### THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
(pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August).  
**Admission: €85**  
Booking Advised | Concessions available for students, seniors & groups

#### ONE DAY RETREAT

a day of guided prayer & reflection  
**May** Sun 3rd - Mon 4th - Sat 9th - Tue 12th - Sun 17th - Sat 23rd - Mon 25th  
**August** Tue 18th - Sat 22nd - Sun 23rd - Sat 29th - Mon 31st  
**September** Sat 5th - Sun 6th - Wed 9th - Sat 12th - Tue 15th - Sat 19th - Sun 20th  
**Admission: €50**  
Booking Essential | Concessions available for groups

#### QUIET DAY

a self-directed day in the peaceful setting of Station Island  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** **Admission: €40** **Booking Essential**

#### HERITAGE DAY

visit Lough Derg during National Heritage Week  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**11.30am & 2.30pm**  
**Booking Essential**

#### LAKESHORE PILGRIMAGE

along the Pilgrim Path  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Admission: €25 - Booking Essential**  
in the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries





**Sanctuary of Saint Patrick - Lough Derg**  
**Pettigo, County Donegal, F94 PC60**  
**+353 (0)71 9861518** **@info@loughderg.org**  
**www.loughderg.org**



For further information, please visit:

[www.epilepsy.ie/content/n](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek)

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**We got a taste of Summer** this past week, let's hope there's plenty more where that came from! Hope all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

**The Village Green** 'should' be ours again this weekend, according to some reports .... Since last weekend, the bandstand got a lovely red cape – anything but 'green'!



**The Dodsboro Road got a new Speeding Reminder!**

Let's hope it works on this very busy stretch of road where children and pedestrians take their lives in their hands at times.

The nearby junction on Millstream Road / Woodview Heights is another point of concern with traffic regularly going through red lights.



**Super Garden!** Well the programme got off to a great start for us last week, when first designer up was a lad from Lucan. **Eoighan Mountaine Barry** created a beautiful garden that will be hard to beat.



We'll be watching again this week, but won't be surprised if we've seen the winner already!

**Items held over! Please note that some items have been held over for next week's issue, due to pressure of space!**

 Celebrating 35 Years  
*Conductor: Claire Condon*  
**Celbridge Concert Orchestra**  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 4pm  
 Lucan Spa Hotel

Tickets €10  
 Concessions €5  
 Under 12's FREE  
 For tickets email:  
 celbridgeconcertorchestra@gmail.com  
**Limited tickets at the door.**



*Olivia Merriman Founder of the*  
**Living With Ambiguous Loss Circle**  
*Finding Comfort & Connection Through Grief*  
*A Supportive Space for Those Experiencing Ambiguous Loss*

- A loved one with dementia or serious illness
- Addiction
- Estrangement from family (often leading to a sense of loss or abandonment)
- Missing loved ones
- Separation, Divorce & Complicated Relationships



*Join Us at Lucan Library*  
*You Are Not Alone*  
 Wednesday 13th May 2026  
 5:45PM - 7:45PM  
 Every second Wednesday of each month

For more information contact  
 Olivia Merriman 089 4650669  
 livingwithlosscircle@gmail.com

 **Conversational Irish**  
 in **St Mary's Parish Centre**  
 10.30-11.30 am, every Wednesday.  
*All are welcome*

## NAGARHOPE UPDATE

Nagarhope Ireland is a registered charity, founded by Lucan man, Fachtna “Doc” Clandillon.

Nagarhope has supported educational projects in Nepal for the past 20 years.

Nagarhope is reliant on fundraising here in Ireland, mainly in Lucan, without which none of this could have happened. Thank you to all our supporters.

Fachtna spent 18 years in Nepal. He spent 10 of those years overseeing the construction and upgrading of Nagarhope Basic School, which has grown and developed and now caters for 120 children. He returned with his family to Ireland in June 2023.

Since 2014, Nagarhope has supported the establishment and continued running costs of Nagarhope Basic School, situated in Nagarkot, Kavre district, a 90 minute drive north east of Kathmandu.

After a string of earthquakes in 2015, Nagarhope Basic School built an array of temporary structures to continue classes, only completing a 5 roomed earthquake proof structure in early 2023. The plan for this block is 2 storey, although only one storey was constructed in 2023. Three years later, in 2026, work has started on finishing off the building, constructing another 5 classrooms on the 1st floor. These new classrooms will facilitate the primary level (Classes 1-5), and have been badly needed, as some of the present classrooms are not suitable for classes.

Nagarhope Basic School, along with the local municipality in Mandan Deupur have signed an agreement to construct these rooms, and Nagarhope Ireland have an agreement with the school to fund about 70% of the project, somewhere in the region of just over €20,000.

As part of a fundraising drive, Nagarhope Ireland is running a table quiz on Friday 8th of May in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club at 8pm. Fachtna himself will be the quizmaster. Do come along, bring a team, enjoy the craic while supporting this great cause.

*See you there.*



**QUIZ NIGHT**  
in aid of  
**nagarhope**

assisting Nagarhope Basic School construct 5 classrooms

Friday 8th May 2026 @ 8pm in  
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

€40 table of 4

GIVING A FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEPAL

nagarhope ireland

The poster features a light blue background with various educational icons: a rocket, a lightbulb, a red upward-trending arrow, a magnifying glass, a desk lamp, an open book, a pencil, and a red apple. A circular logo for Nagarhope Ireland is in the bottom right corner, containing a purple star and the text 'GIVING A FUTURE TO CHILDREN IN NEPAL' and 'nagarhope ireland'.



**Family Gathering Invitation**

Come along and meet other families prior to the March For Life!

**When: 12noon, Monday 4th May**  
**Where: Ely House, 8 Ely Place, Dublin 2**

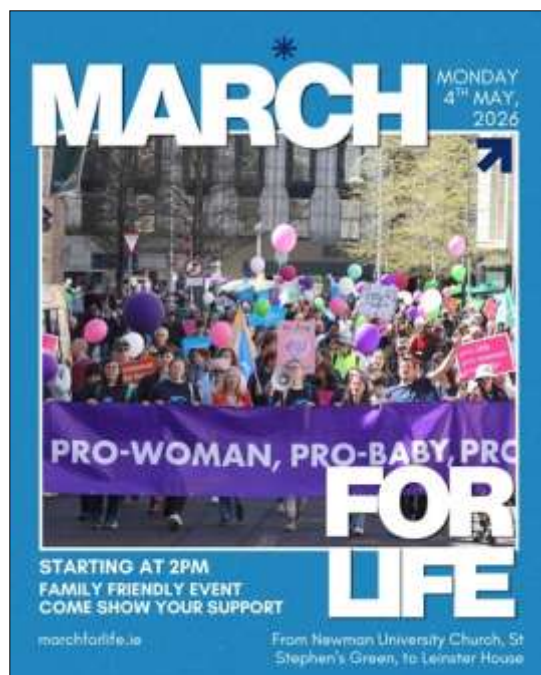
Activities: Arts & Crafts, Facepainting, Balloons, Music and much more!

RSVP by email to [info@prolifecampaign.ie](mailto:info@prolifecampaign.ie)  
or Tel/Text/WhatsApp Georgina on 089 274 4226  
Registration is required for this event.

Please note: The March For Life will follow at 2pm from St Stephen's Green

Complimentary refreshments for Parents and Children

The poster features a colorful illustration of a person holding a large balloon with the text 'MARCH FOR LIFE' on it. Below, there are several smaller balloons and a group of children. The background is white with colorful accents.



**MARCH** MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026

PRO-WOMAN, PRO-BABY, PRO-LIFE

STARTING AT 2PM  
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT  
COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

marchforlife.ie

From Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green, to Leinster House

The poster features a photograph of a large crowd of people at a march, holding a purple banner that reads 'PRO-WOMAN, PRO-BABY, PRO-LIFE'. The background is blue with white text. There are also some decorative elements like a star and an arrow.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**U15 Hurling success:** Congratulations to the U15 Lucan Sarsfields Hurling Boys who won the Hurling Feile in Lucan Sarsfields. Well done to Donagh, Conal, Seán, Cormac, Liam and Sam who were all on the team from Lucan CC.



**U19 Soccer semi-final:** Hard luck to our U19 Senior Ladies team who were narrowly beaten 5–4 by Creagh College in the Leinster Senior League semi-final. After going 4–0 down, the girls showed incredible character to fight their way back into the game with an amazing comeback. Goals came from Sadhbh Harris, Reka Kiss Kalo and Eve Clarke. We are so proud of this team and all they have achieved this season, not only in their performances, but in the way they represented the school and conducted themselves on the pitch with such respect and sportsmanship throughout.



A special word to our 6th years, we will miss you hugely next year and thank you for representing the school so well over the past six years. Thank you to Ms. Collins and Ms. O’Dowd for all their support and commitment to the team throughout the year.

**Lucan CC Musical:** Lucan CC is delighted to announce this year’s TY musical will be the Addams family, to secure tickets go to our school website.



**5th year Trip to Italy:** The 5th Year students are just back from an unforgettable trip to Italy, packed with fun, culture, and adventure. Their journey took them to the beautiful city of Venice, where they explored its famous canals and experienced a memorable boat trip through the waterways. The group also visited the stunning Lake Garda, taking in the breathtaking scenery and making the most of their time outdoors. A highlight of the trip was a day at Gardaland, where students enjoyed thrilling rides and plenty



of excitement alongside sightseeing, there was time to relax and have fun together, including an evening of bowling and plenty of opportunities for shopping. Well done to all of the students for

their fantastic behaviour and to all the teachers who accompanied them.

## Coláiste Phádraigh

**Maths:** Well done to our four 3<sup>rd</sup> yr finalists who represented the school with great distinction at the National Final of the Pi Maths Competition on Saturday, 25 April in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise.

The team—Ayman Ahmad, Anish Kodishala, Rohan Malik and Ibraheem Abd Alkhaliq Shaikh—travelled to the Midlands Park Hotel, where they competed alongside 34 other schools from across the country. Accompanied by Ms Thompson and Ms O’Neill, who attended in a supportive capacity, the students approached the competition with focus and determination. Having progressed successfully through the earlier rounds, the team faced a significantly higher level of challenge at the national stage. The questions demanded not only strong mathematical ability but also composure and teamwork under pressure. Despite the increased difficulty, the students performed exceptionally well throughout the contest.

At the conclusion of a closely fought competition, our team secured an outstanding fifth place out of thirty-five competing schools. Notably, they finished just one point short of qualifying for a tie-break for third place—an achievement that reflects both their ability and their preparation. This result represents a significant accomplishment at national level and is a testament to the students’ dedication to Mathematics.

Well done also to 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Gerard Martin on qualifying for the Pangea Maths Final after performing extremely well in the regional quiz in March. The Final is taking place in DCU 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Coding:** Two of our 3<sup>rd</sup> yr students, Daniel McDevitt and Ollie McCormack, proudly represented the school at the National Bebras Final in Maynooth University recently. They qualified after excellent performances in October’s Bebras Challenge. At the event, students completed a series of engaging and demanding computational thinking puzzles during a 40-minute contest. While they did not secure top prizes, the experience was both enjoyable and enriching. Their participation reflects great dedication and enthusiasm. Thanks to Ms. Thompson for her support and encouragement. Opportunities like this helps students build confidence, resilience, and a strong interest in problem-solving and digital skills for the future.

**6<sup>th</sup> yr Trip:** 76 of our 6<sup>th</sup> yr students enjoyed a memorable end-of-year trip to Special Ops Adventures in Roundwood, County Wicklow on Monday, 27 April. Following a detailed safety

briefing, students participated in a range of airsoft challenges, including capture-the-flag and team-based missions across varied terrain. These activities encouraged teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking.

Students showed excellent enthusiasm, discipline, and camaraderie throughout the day, earning high praise from facilitators for their positive attitude and respectful conduct. The trip concluded with a relaxing meal, allowing students to reflect on a rewarding experience together.

Sincere thanks to the 6<sup>th</sup> Year Head Ms Farrell for organising and supervising the trip, and to Mr Tarpey, Ms Redmond, and Ms Reilly for also travelling with the students.

**GAA:** Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields U15 hurlers, who claimed the Division 2 Féile title at the weekend. They delivered an impressive performance in the final, defeating St. Judes on a score-line of 3-09 to 2-07. We were especially proud to have five of our own students involved: Mason Butler, who captained the team, along with Turlough Fahey, Jamie Lynch, Ruairí Dowling and Liam Whelan, who contributed two excellent points in the final.

Lucan Sarsfields also enjoyed success in football, winning the U15 Féile Plate Final. Well done to Cillian O’Neill, James Briody, Conor Crowley, Seán Higgins, Joseph Malinn and Evan Gormley for their achievement.

Congratulations as well to St. Pat’s Palmerstown U15 football team, who also secured victory in their Féile Plate Final. We were delighted to see 13 of our students involved, representing the school with pride and determination. Well done to the students involved; Jeremy Jobi, Finn Garner, Matthew Mackey, Charlie Lee, Callum Murray, Caleb Hinchon, Rory Major, Max Henley-Willis, Daire McConn, Bobby Moore, Ryan O’ Connor, Daniel Kavanagh and Edward McCarthy.

These achievements reflect the talent, dedication and teamwork of all involved. Well done lads!

**Cricket:** Our Junior Cricket team claimed a dramatic 107–106 victory over Confey College in the Indoor Cricket Final last Tuesday, with the result decided on the final ball! After electing to bowl, Lucan faced a strong Confey side who posted 106, despite excellent spells from Hamza Imran and Ayman Ahmed. In reply, our team battled under pressure against disciplined bowling. Needing two runs off the final delivery, 3<sup>rd</sup> yr Rohan Malik held his nerve to secure a famous win. Both teams showed great sportsmanship. Thanks to coaches Faran Iftikhar and Saad Imran, and to Mr Emerson for his guidance throughout a fantastic campaign this year.



## St. Joseph's College

**Muslim Sisters of Eire:** On Thursday the 3rd years received a talk from Aisha Ali, the Vice-chairperson of the Muslim Sisters of Eire, as part of their Religious Education Syllabus. Aisha gave us a comprehensive overview of all the amazing work the charity does, from their weekly soup run on Fridays at the GPO to going into direct provision centres, supporting victims of domestic violence and so much more. The 3rd years learned loads and really enjoyed the talk and hope to fundraise for the charity in the future. Thank you to Aisha for giving up her time to come talk to us and to all the Muslim Sisters of Eire volunteers for all their fantastic work

**MISE:** Last week we were very lucky to have MISE in to speak to the 6th years about mentality. MISE stands for Menstrual Information Specialising in Endometriosis and they provide a programme teaching young people and parents about the impact of endometriosis. This was an extremely informative as 1 in 10 women suffer with endometriosis but it takes on average 9 years for it to be diagnosed in Ireland.

**Second Year Basketball:** Our 2nd year team had a fantastic win on Friday against a strong team from Rathmore Grammar School Belfast Winning 41-27. They are now through to the All -Ireland quarter and Semi finals on Thursday against Carrickmacross CS and St Dominics of Belfast.



**Minor Camogie:** Well done to our minor camogie team who won their semi final on Monday by a single point against St Michaels Finglas. They will now play Manor House in the final on Tuesday at 12:30 in Portmarnock.

**First year Stay Awake 2026:** The first years had a fantastic night of fun and games last week for their annual stay awake. The evening was all organised by the fabulous 5th year Cinnire team who organised activities from obstacle courses to just dance to science experiments, to name just a few. The night

finished off with goodie bags and pizza, what a night. A huge thank you to the Cinnire team for organising and to the teachers and 5th year helpers who volunteered on the night to make it such a success.



## Spring Clean Day

We had a Super Spring Clean Session on Saturday! With almost 30 people involved we were able to tackle cleaning of signs, planters, pots, painting of railings, sweeping, spreading mulch, and of course litter picking.



Thank you everyone for taking part. Thanks also to St Joseph's College Joey's Junior Tidy Towns students for taking the time on Friday afternoon to survey the locality and advise on areas needing attention. A special thanks to Bríd for organising refreshments afterwards, courtesy of SuperValu and Carroll's Gastro Pub.

*Kevin O'Loughlin*



## Lucan Library – May Events



**Please Note:** All events and activities are free of charge. All events are subject to change, but we will try to keep changes to a minimum. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. Booking through Eventbrite is essential for all events. Tickets are available exactly a week before the event. Please cancel if you can no longer attend. Non-attendance without cancellation may affect your ability to book future events with SDCC Libraries.

### Bealtaine Events

Eventbrite will open exactly a week before the event at the same time as the event starts.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm: Chair Pilates with Siel Blue.** Join us for gentle chair Pilates for an 8-week course. Booking on Eventbrite or ring the library branch to book your place from April 29th.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm: Transformative Power of Perimenopause and Menopause, talk by Siobhán Daffy.**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm: Bealtaine Table Quiz.** Come test your knowledge at our Quiz! Book in with Geraldine at the library desk.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm: Hormones and Harmony -What's it fogging all about.** This very popular informative workshop is suitable for perimenopausal, menopausal & post-menopausal women. Men are also encouraged to attend.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Record Fair** taking place all day. All Welcome.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm. Eco-Friendly Puzzle Swap. Time changed to 12-2pm.** All welcome

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm. STEAM Session:** Make up a story with Lego! Build each scene to tell your tale. Let your imagination run wild! (Ages 6+) Booking on Eventbrite.



**Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30.** All welcome.

### Additional Adult Events

**Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1:30 – 3:30pm** Pop in to swap jigsaws, meet and chat with likeminded people. Drop off your used jigsaws and pick up a new jigsaw to take home.

**New: Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:** Drop in from **6.00pm -7.00pm on 6th and 20th of May.** Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

**Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle** starts on **Wednesday, 13th May, from 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm**, and will continue the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. The group will offer a safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss

**Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> May 11:30am Biodiversity Talk.** All welcome

## BOOK CLUBS

**Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!**

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: **Monday 25th May at 12noon.**

Wednesday Book Club: **Wednesday 27th May at 7.00pm**

Read and Eat Cookbook Club: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 12pm.**

### Children's Events in Lucan Library

**Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite**  
Events for Younger Children:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of May at 10.00am: Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group** meets twice monthly. No need to book.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10am Reflexology for Babies and Parents.**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am: Musical Tots with Karen!**

**Every Monday at 3pm: Storytime.** Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite.

**Saturday 16th May at 2:30pm Bee Anatomy** in this workshop children will learn about Bee anatomy and will make an anatomically correct Bee cookie. Suitable for ages 5 and over.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena** for 9–12-year-olds. A fun arts and crafts session for 9–12-year-olds.

### Neurodiverse Events:

**Friday 8th May from 12noon-2.00pm: Sensory Afternoons.** Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Suitable for babies and young children.

## ADULT EVENTS

**Regular Adult Events:** No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

**Monday 11th May at 6.30pm: Adult Chess Club** - all levels welcome, even complete beginners, meets once monthly.

**Every Monday 10am - 12noon - Lucan Library Knitters Club,** new members welcome.

**Thursdays 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 12pm: Lucan Library Creative Writers Group.** New members welcome.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm: Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults.** All levels welcome.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 12pm – 1.45pm. “What’s the Story” Writing Club!** A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April lotto jackpot of €10,600. The numbers drawn were **2, 3, 4 & 22. Lucky dips** go to Laura McCaffrey, Brian Karney, Donal Downes, Emer Curran, Darragh Ryan

This week's Lotto on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April will be for a jackpot of €11,000. This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Seamus Clandillon.



Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.

### Mini All Ireland Series

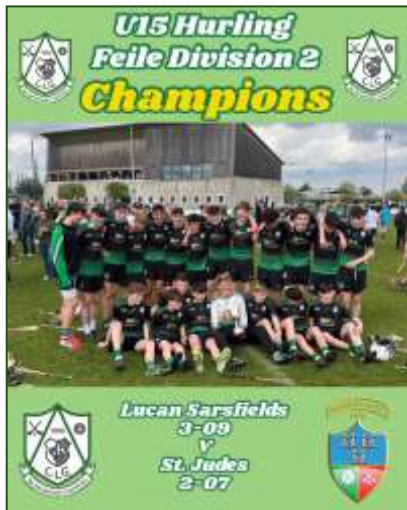
We are delighted to announce that registration has now gone live for our Mini All Ireland Series. All Lead mentors will have received an email with the registration link. Please have this completed and returned by the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026. We look forward to a fun week in the 12<sup>th</sup> lock with great skills on display from various age groups.



### Feile Weekend. Lucan Sarsfields Féile

#### Weekend Report.

Lucan Sarsfields produced a superb all-round team display to claim the U15 Féile Division 2 title, edging past St. Jude's in an exciting final that had plenty of scores and no shortage of intensity. The Lucan lads showed real composure when it mattered most, with a sharp attacking return of 3-09 proving enough to see off a determined St. Jude's side who kept battling to the finish.



The victory was built on a strong squad performance, with players working tirelessly across the pitch and showing great hunger in attack and discipline in defence. Having already beaten St. Sylvester's in the semi-final, Lucan carried that momentum into the final and delivered when the pressure was on. This was a memorable campaign and a well-earned trophy for a talented group who showed great character, teamwork and spirit throughout the day. Well done to all the players and

management involved in bringing the cup home to Lucan.

**We're not done yet with Féile action... not even close. Next weekend 9<sup>th</sup> May, we have the Camogie Feile** where Lucan Sarsfields proudly hosts the Division 10 group games and finals at the 12th Lock. Keep an eye on our socials for throw in times later in the week!! Let's get a big home crowd up the club to support the girls, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on our teams on what promises to be a brilliant weekend of camogie.



The camp is open to all children that are 4 years of age, and attending primary school, (born between 2014 and 2022)

**How to book:** Club Camps (Summer & Irish): Book via ClubZap or scan the QR code  
Cúl Camps: Book through the official Cúl Camps website.  
Spaces fill fast every year, so don't miss out!

### Senior Football

The Senior Footballers picked up a valuable three points across two games over the past few days, maintaining strong momentum in the league. A hard-fought encounter away to Skerries Harps on Saturday evening saw the sides finish level after a competitive and evenly matched contest. Lucan showed great resilience throughout, responding well to periods of pressure and ensuring they came away with a deserved share of the spoils. Attention quickly turned to Tuesday evening's clash with Ballymun Kickhams, where the lads delivered a determined performance to secure a crucial one-point victory. In a tight and intense game, Lucan showed composure when it mattered most, edging ahead and defending resolutely to see it out against the top-of-the-table side. The result lifts the team onto 6 points in the table, leaving them just three points off top spot and firmly in the mix as the league campaign gathers pace.

### Darkness Into Light

Lucan Sarsfields are proud to support Pieta's Darkness Into Light on Saturday, May 9th at St. Catherine's Park. The walk begins at 4:15am



# SPORTS

## Westmanstown Gaels

ClearEar was proud to welcome the Westmanstown Gaels U15 girls team to our Lucan location this week.

The team recently secured victory in the 2026 Féile Division 6 Final, a result that reflects their hard work, discipline, and commitment throughout the season.

As part of an ongoing effort to support local sport, we were honoured to sponsor the team and mark their achievement with the presentation of their jersey.

Moments like this matter. They reflect what strong communities are built on, dedication, teamwork, and local support.

Congratulations again to the players, coaches, and families involved. A brilliant achievement and one the whole community can take pride in.



## Castletown House

### Key Events at Castletown House (May 2026)

- Every Saturday:  
Park Run 5K,  
open to all  
abilities
- May 13<sup>th</sup> (6.00  
am) Dawn Chorus with Birdwatch  
Ireland
- May 16<sup>th</sup> (Dusk) Dusk Chorus with  
Birdwatch Ireland
- May 20<sup>th</sup> Irish Wolfhound Club  
Championships
- May 26<sup>th</sup> National Biodiversity Week  
events in the Courtyard
- May 27<sup>th</sup> (10.00 am – 4.00 pm)  
Country Market and Craft Fare with  
live music from Cascade Ladies Choir  
at 2pm



### Cultural and Educational Programme (via Heritage Ireland)

- The House of Guinness Talk: A focus on local history
- The Painted Decorations in the Long Gallery: Expect talks on the house's art
- Musical Performances: including the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Beartha Ó Flatharta Céili Band
- Outdoor Sculpture Tour: Available throughout the month



# POLITICAL NOTES

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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### Dáil Report:

This week’s main focus was my Private Member’s business motion on the family law courts, referencing the need to reform Tusla, the current unregulated system of court-appointed experts and above all the need to end the in-camera rule that limits scrutiny and transparency. While I welcome some moves to make improvements, however incremental, best practice has moved on. In England and Wales, pilot studies that abolished the in-camera rule – while absolutely always protecting anonymity – have now been extended thanks to the success of the rollout. Pilots are now being run in Northern Ireland so why can’t it be done here also? I also raised updates on housing-related issues, supported a defective blocks motion relating to Dublin and attended the EU Affairs Committee meeting on Ireland’s upcoming Presidency.

## Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD

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### Lucan Business Owners: You’re Invited!

Come to the focused meeting for **Lucan Village-based businesses next Wednesday 6 May 11.00am in Kenny’s.**

Danny Kenny and I co-chairing, all Lucan councillors invited, alongside SDCC’s Economic Development team. Goal: shape a **social media campaign to promote Lucan Village businesses**, as part of the economic recovery plan based on my Nov 2025 motion. **Register to attend** and / or share what you need from the campaign here: I’ll also update on my motion seeking a **possible partial rates abatement for 2026** for affected village businesses.

### Pool For Lucan:

Delighted that the swimming pool in Lucan Leisure Campus will be open Tuesday 5 May 2026. Drop-in options for swims and pool classes available, reduced OAP rates, free access for Leaving Cert students during exam month.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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### Lucan Village Green:

Works at Lucan Village Green are finally complete and the area looks great. I appreciate this is a long time coming so thank you for your patience.

### Lucan Pool:

I am delighted to share that Lucan Pool will officially open on Tuesday 5th May, at long last. This fantastic new facility will benefit people of all ages across Lucan for years to come.

### Lucan Community College:

Best of luck to all involved with The Addam’s Family Musical at Lucan Community College on 6th, 7th & 8th May.

**Darkness Into Light:** – Don’t forget to register Darkness Into Light takes place at 4.15am on Saturday, 9th May in St. Catherine’s Park. Register at [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) and select Lucan as your location. Join us as we walk together in support of the vital work of Pieta.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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### Capital Projects Update:

Good progress to report for Lucan this week. The Village Green handover is scheduled this Friday 1st May, likely in the afternoon. This is an opportunity to visit the village at the weekend, explore the new public space, and spend time enjoying the village. **Lucan Demesne** (opposite Maxol) is scheduled to open in early May, and the **Liffey Weir** expected to be completed later in May. The **swimming pool** project is also advancing and is expected to open just after the Bank Holiday, from **Tuesday 5th May**.

### Lucan Leisure Campus Parking:

I raised your concerns regarding car parking capacity at Lucan Leisure Campus. In response to current demand, SDCC are assessing options to maximise parking capacity on the site. New car park space markings will also be applied to ensure more efficient use of the spaces provided.

*Political Notes Continued over.....*

## Political Notes Cont'd

### Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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#### My Agenda Items:

Lucan Village Green is reopening this Friday 30th April. I continue to raise concerns regarding the **removal of mature trees** and the lack of a clear plan for reinstatement particularly **given previous written commitments to replace those removed**. While new planting or saplings are included it may take decades for these trees to reach maturity and restore the character and canopy that once existed.

I also sought an update on proposals for an Arts Centre in Clonburris. A Members' briefing is scheduled for 19 May where further details on design, scale and delivery will be presented.

I raised issues regarding road openings across Lucan with 299 licences issued in the past year. I have requested stronger coordination, better oversight and timely repairs.

Finally, improvement works and deep cleaning are due at Kishoge Community College following ongoing maintenance issues locally.

## Rail Problems on Adamstown Line

With a fast-rising population and extra house building in the Lucan area along with high fuel costs is putting massive extra demand on the local rail line that is set to increase. A simple solution is needed now while waiting for the line to be upgraded to Dart.

Put on an extra train operating from Adamstown



to centre. This train can do three trips during morning peak.

This will help ease the present difficulties in

the short time. There is also great potential for this station to increase capacity on this line by linking all the surrounding bus network to this station and connecting with country trains. This would be faster for local commuters by accessing country trains to refill seats vacated by users who want to get to surrounding areas that are accessible by bus.

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*Hi Everyone,*

We're really excited to share something new with you - the launch of the ACRE Patron Programme. Since 2009, the ACRE Project has grown into a vibrant community space here in Celbridge. From yoga and art to gardening, workshops, and community groups, it's a place where people come together to connect, learn, and support one another.

As our community continues to grow, so too does the demand for what we offer. We have plans to expand and develop our facilities in the coming years - creating even more opportunities for people of this community and beyond to gather, learn, and thrive.

To help make that happen, we've introduced our Patron Programme. By becoming a patron, you'll be making a direct contribution to the future of ACRE, helping us continue to provide welcoming spaces for the whole community.

The programme involves a contribution of €250 per year, and as a thank you, patrons receive a number of great benefits worth €120 euro:

- A free ACRE Project Christmas tree each year
- A €50 voucher for our annual summer plant sale (16th and 17th of May 2026)
- Priority access to ACRE Project workshops and events
- The opportunity to enjoy the ACRE grounds and gardens throughout the year
- Updates through our ACRE Project Patron newsletter

More than anything, becoming a patron means being part of something special - supporting a local space that brings real value to people's lives in Celbridge and beyond. If you'd like to get involved, we'd be delighted to have your support. You can drop in to see us Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, or through emailing us at:

[Patron@acreproject.com](mailto:Patron@acreproject.com)

- we're happy to chat you through everything and send you out an information pack.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It's what makes the ACRE Project what it is.

**Warm regards, The ACRE Project Team.**

*Follow us on Socials. facebook instagram website Stay up to date with everything we've got going on at the ACRE Project.*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week we started to assemble photographs for possible inclusion in our 14<sup>th</sup> annual photography exhibition which will be held in the Parish Centre later this year. How time flies!

This week Joe sent in photographs of Reginald's Tower in Waterford city and of Malahide Castle. The present tower is likely to have been built in the 13th or 14th century, probably between 1253 and 1280. Down the centuries the tower has been used as a mint, a prison, and a military storehouse. In 1861, it became the property of the Waterford Corporation, and the residence of the Chief Constable of Waterford. It continued to be inhabited until 1954. Today it houses the Waterford Viking Museum and exhibits many of the archaeological finds from the 2003 dig at Woodstown on the River Suir.



The oldest parts of Malahide Castle date back to the 12th century.



Anna was in Mayo and submitted a landscape photograph of Croagh Patrick from across Clew Bay.

Croagh Patrick has long been seen as a holy mountain, even in pre-Christian time. There has been a church on the summit since the 5th century. The current church dates 1905. On the last Sunday in July,

thousands of pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick in honour of Saint Patrick., a custom which goes back to at least the Middle Ages.

Anna also found a rather strange looking fungus.

Michael G spotted an Asquith "Vintage" bus in the car park of the Springfield Hotel.



*Stay safe until next week!*