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May, a Month Preparing for Fledging Flight!

As I swept my driveway yesterday, I found the shell of an egg belonging to a small bird. Hopefully, new life emerged naturally when the nourishment was depleted and the size of shell restrictive. From the moment birds crawl out of their shells they instantly become very vulnerable to surrounding dangers.



However, without emerging they cannot grow and find sustenance suitable for its' new state. As the baby birds shed their shells, they take time to become acclimatised to the world, to gain the strength and impetus needed for the day when they leave the nest and find their wings.

The month of May is the time in the year when thousands of people, young and older, are preparing to move out into a new way of being in the world with confidence and some basic skill to deal with whatever challenges present before them initially. As the shell would destroy the actual life of the emerging chick if they did not find their way out, sometimes aided by a parent to do so, the same is true for all of us at various times in life, not just when young. The ending of the school/college year marks the time of opportunity for new recruits into many occupations and further education directions with feelings of excitement, celebration, anxiety, resistance, loneliness, etc all come into play. The tension between wanting to hold onto the security known and the desire to reach out for the need to take the next step is perfectly natural.

Parents usually watch anxiously as their young make these transitions. Those making the transition may not have the time or energy to look back at those who have paved this path with them or they might be seeking to run back to comfort. It may be a time when parents question what they have done or otherwise and if they could have done better. As someone who is not a parent, my ear has been bent by many during this season every year and see great pride, unconditional love and boundless generosity at play. We can only trust that there is a process at play in the life of every single person. Birds move from the nest in different ways, sometimes crashing into objects as they try their wings for size before they feel the pleasure of the wind beneath their wings.

The dynamic propeller of gut and heart instinct at our very core needs freedom and support in equal measure. Letting go and letting be, are easy words to write but difficult dynamics to deal with. Opening one's heart to the new opportunity for all concerned is the easiest route forward. People have moved a long way since the time of cave living and we have more than survived, despite the risks!

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – 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 Carer's Support Grant?

The Carer's Support Grant is paid to carers once a year by the Department of Social Protection (DSP). It used to be called the Respite Care Grant.

You can use the grant in whatever way you like. You can use it to pay for respite care, but you don't have to. Read our page about breaks and respite care for carers.

In June of each year (usually on the first Thursday of the month), the DSP pays the grant automatically to carers getting:

Carer's Allowance

Carer's Benefit

Domiciliary Care Allowance

Only one Carer's Support Grant can be paid for each person getting care.

The Carer's Support Grant will be paid on 5 June 2025.

Can I get the Carer's Support Grant?

The Carer's Support Grant is paid automatically to people getting one of the following payments on the first Thursday in June:

Carer's Allowance (both full rate and half-rate)

Carer's Benefit

Domiciliary Care Allowance.

The Carer's Support Grant is not a means-tested payment.

I don't get the payments listed above

If you are not getting one of these payments, you can still qualify for the Carer's Support Grant.

You must be:

Aged 16 or over

Ordinarily resident in Ireland

Caring for the person on a full-time basis

Caring for the person for at least 6 months (this 6-month period must include the first Thursday in June)

Living with the person being cared for (or if you don't live with them, you must meet certain criteria - for example, the person must be able to contact you quickly and directly)

If you are not getting one of the above payments, you should fill in a Carer's Support Grant application form (CSG1) for each person you are caring for.

You can also get the application form from your local:

Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Branch Office, or Citizens Information Centre

When to apply

You can apply for a Carer's Support Grant for any given year from April of that year until 31 December of the following year.

For example:

You can apply for the Carer's Support Grant for 2024 at any time from April 2024 up until 31 December 2025.

You can apply for the Carer's Support Grant in 2025 at any time from April 2025 up until 31 December 2026.

Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas

The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO) is a charitable organisation that works to provide information and support to Irish people imprisoned overseas and their families.

ICPO services include:

Providing information and support to prisoners and their families on a wide range of issues, including repatriation, deportation, health, legal matters, discrimination and ill-treatment

You can find more information in a leaflet for families about the ICPO (pdf) and in the factsheets for families.

The ICPO also has factsheets for prisoners detained abroad

ICPO, PO Box 13484, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

Tel: (01) 505 3156 Email: info@icpo.ie

www.icpo.ie

Contact Form: <https://www.icpo.ie/contact-us/>





Darkness Into Light returns to Lucan – Sign up now for May 10th 2025

After the huge success of Lucan’s very first Darkness Into Light Walk last year, the Lucan Darkness Into Light Committee are proud to bring it back again for 2025. Once again St. Catherine’s Park will host the local walk in support of Pieta, the national charity providing free, professional support to people impacted by suicide and self-harm.

The powerful community event raises much needed funds for Pieta’s life-saving services, while also offering a chance for remembrance, reflection, and hope. Last year’s event raised almost €30,000 in vital funding.

Registration is now open at www.darknessintolight.ie don’t forget to click Lucan to register for the Lucan Walk.

Lucan Dementia Café
 Saturday: 10th of May, 2025
 3pm – 5pm
 (Please note time change, May café only)
 St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates: June 14th, July 12th, August Closed, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th.

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 7th May: Social Morning in St. Mary’s Parish Centre, from 10.30am – 12.30pm.
New members always welcome!



Lucan ICA

Monday 5th May – Bank holiday.



Monday 12th All the ladies are doing a class in chicken scratching cushion with Breda Bohan. Normal time from 10-30 to 12-30 for next two weeks.
Tea Rota are Miriam and Marie.

We had a very successful AGM on 28th April and elected two new members for committee, looking forward to the coming year with lots of new ideas in ICA.

Planning our Group morning and our International morning in the Autumn.

Pauline



Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in

St. Mary’s Parish Centre

from **9.30 to 11.30am.**

All Welcome!



Lucan Lions Club

Easter Raffle at SuperValu Lucan

Many thanks to all who supported our Easter Hamper Raffle which was held in store from 17-19 April. Special thanks to SuperValu for sponsoring the lovely Easter Hampers. We are grateful to Club Members, volunteers and the loyal SuperValu customers for ensuring the Raffle was a great success. All the winners have been notified.



Spinathon for Lucan Special Olympics Club

We will hold a cycle spinathon in SuperValu Lucan on Saturday next 3 May in aid of the Lucan Special Olympics Club. We look forward to the support from customers on the day.

Mattie McCabe

PRO

www.lucanlionsclub.com

St Mary's, Lucan

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

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 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

All welcome. Sr Geraldine

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



Rosary

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

All are welcome,

Legion of Mary



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

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

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

Baptisms in St Mary's:

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

St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

"Take this all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of Me"

Similarly, in the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy in praying to God the Father, we "offer the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world"

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

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



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 12th May

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



Aontas Cake Sale

Will take place after all Masses in St Mary's THIS Sunday 4th May

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Baptisms in St Patrick's:

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

Dates bookable on line.

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

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

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

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

On Saturday **24th May 2025**

Bus leaves

St Joseph's Lay-by:

8.15am

St Patrick's Church, Esker

8.30am

The Statue at Dodsboro

8.45am

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

Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786

Marie McBride 087 122 6766.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed on www.lucansouthparish.net

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.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

8.15pm Adoration and Confessions

8.50m Benediction. *All welcome*

Vocations Society of St. Joseph:

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)

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

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

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

Family Choir: The Family choir is looking for more members who love to sing or could play any instrument like: string, wind or percussion. We practice Friday evenings here in the Church and sing at 12:00pm Sunday Mass.

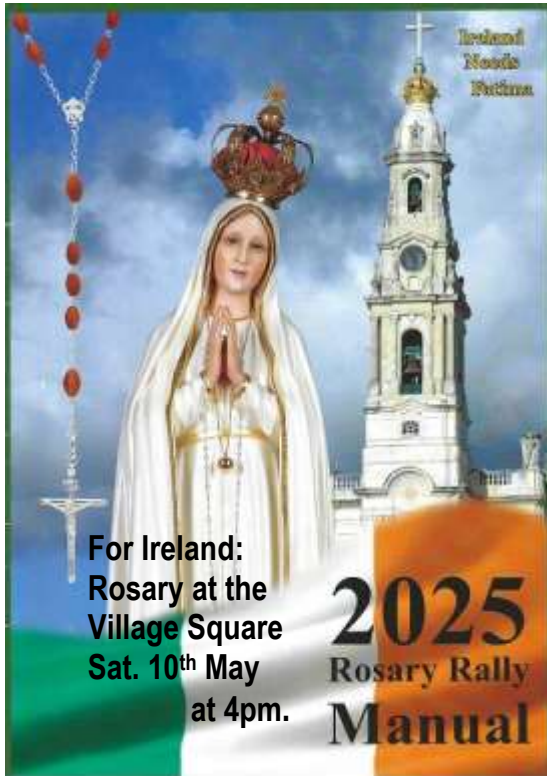
If you know of anyone who may be interested, please share this with them or approach any of the choir members after Mass to link you with Tina or Mike.



St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after
all Masses **NEXT Sunday 11th May**

Thank you for your generosity.



This September join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Frances** walking from Saria to Santiago in Spain. We will then visit Fatima for a short pilgrimage.

We are being led on this spiritual journey by Fr Tony Horgan MSC.

For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage ring Valerie at 021 454 3988 or email valerie.buckley@mscmiissions.ie



Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo

08th June 2025

€699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.

Guest speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock.

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick. Limited single rooms €150.00.

Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the 'Portuguese Way' from the 13th to 20th June 2025.

Starting in the charming town of Baiona, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage. You can enjoy this amazing adventure with our experienced guide and help **Make More Survivors**.

For more information, please contact edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.



Have a target of €1,000,000 to raise funds for equipment in the New Children's Hospital!

We accept all types of coinage and all types of notes, old money, new money, old notes, pre-decimal, foreign, anything you no longer have a use for and that might be lying in a drawer or a lint filled pocket of an old coat. We can make good use of it.

Contributions can be left in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan or the sacristy in St. Mary's Church.

Many thanks, Damien Douglas, 0879519222.



Phew! What an end to April!

Isn't it just typical that the sun would shine the minute the kids are back in school after the holidays..... It's Mayday as we go to press – where did the time go?



Newcomer to St. Catherines! This little calf was spotted enjoying the sunshine alongside his Mammy this week.

Beware the Scam Calls!

Birdie and many others have recently been receiving calls from the 'Gardai', and the 'National Bureau of something', claiming to have detected money laundering in our various accounts, and also of having horrible images in our possession – funny thing is that although the phone number looks ok, it's nearly always an American accent!!!!!!

If you happen to answer one of these calls, just hang up immediately.....

Date for your diary!

Cruinniú na nÓg at Lucan House on Saturday 7th June.

The National Day of Creativity empowers children and young people to develop their creative expression by providing opportunities for them to participate in free creative activities – a national day for children and young people to make and create!

Sounds like a very exciting day – make a note of the date!

Forgive us for forgetting.....

We never mentioned the Flower Fairies of both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in last week's issue. Both churches had lovely floral displays over Easter.

Adding to the local mess..... We've been harping on about the village works this past few weeks – below is the beautiful flowerbed which the Council left in Dodsboro last year!



Once upon a time, it was full of shrubs, but total neglect left the spot in this disgraceful state. Wonder how much it cost to put this flower bed in?

To mow or not to mow.....

Monica Alvarez of Super Garden fame was on Newstalk on Thursday morning, asking listeners to stop mowing their lawns, so as the bees can fly from garden to garden for food and sustenance.

Sounds like a nice idea, but none of us want an unsightly patch on our turf.



By the end of the programme, Monica suggested that it would be good if everyone could leave even a square metre of unmown lawn for the bees. Might manage that!

Did you know.....

Bats are the only flying mammals.

Snakes smell with their tongue.

Bees can fly higher than Mount Everest.

Japan released sushi-inspired Kit Kats.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Baby & Toddler: Our Baby & Toddler Group is on Mondays from 11-12.30 this is suitable for ages 0-3 and gives parents or caregiver a chance for a chat and well-deserved cup of tea.

Active over 55's: Our 8 week program of Chair Yoga came to an end this week. It was a very enjoyable class we would like to thank our facilitator Mick for a lovely 8 weeks.

Other News: We have been lucky to be funded by South Dublin County Council to celebrate Bealtaine Festival. We will be running 4 weeks of Crafting to celebrate. If you would like to take part please get in touch by Wednesday 7th May as we start on Thursday 8th from 1pm to 3pm. This is an over 55's event.

Volunteers: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

Room Booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.



Salesians College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

ACRE Plant sale and Bake Fair 2025

We're delighted to announce the return of our Annual Spring/Summer ACRE Fundraising **Plant Sale and Bake Fair** taking place on **Saturday May 17th and Sunday May 18th 2025**. You can expect beautiful blooms and plant, delicious cakes, treats, breads, coffee from local artisan bakers and fun interactive workshops.

Creative Writing - Writing for Joy

Weekly creative writing workshop led by ACRE Artist in Residence Krystal Sweedman. Free 6 week course starting June 2025.

To reserve your spot contact:

flowwritecreative@gmail.com

People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan Summer 2025

Open call for artists and crafters to
Participate in this year's

"People's Art & Craft Fair"

Sunday 1st June

and BH Monday 2nd June 2025

at Canon Despard Centre,
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

The fee for the 2 days
for artists is €60 per stand,
and €60 per 6ft table
or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.



Please contact us at
peoplesartlucan@gmail.com
for a booking form as soon as possible
as places will fill up quickly and we
have limited space.

We look forward to hearing from you

Barnardos
Because childhood lasts a lifetime

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Who, what, where?  Scan to complete our volunteer form

- Riverdance**
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12 hour Riverdance-athon. Shifts generally 4 hours.
Thursday 19th June 10am - 10pm
- Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Killarney, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahirciveen and Kenmare.
Saturday 5th July - All Day
- Barnardos Giving Day**
Volunteer collectors needed to support in 3 collection locations - Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dublin; Cresent Shopping Centre, Dooradoyle Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork.
Shift generally 4 hours.
Friday 19th September 5pm - 9pm

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

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

Barnardos, O'Connell Street, Dublin 8
Ph: 01 453 0355 (RNLI 2000027)



Lucan Community College

Leinster Senior A Champions League Final

Lucan CC 2-2 Blackrock College
Lucan CC win 3-2 on penalties.

Lucan CC are Leinster A Champions after a pulsating victory against Blackrock College. It was 1-1 after 90 mins in a tight game, Lucan's goal expertly finished by Dylan Healy. It was 2-2 after extra time, Kevin Madu scoring a brilliant individual goal. Lucan were 2-0 down in the penalty shootout but captain Edvinas Jakas saved two penalties, scored 1 himself, along with Sam Kennedy and Dylan Healy which meant Lucan CC were victorious 3-2.



TY Musical 'Legally Blonde'

Our TY musical takes place next week from the 7th-9th of May. It is geared up to be a fantastic evening out. To buy tickets scan the QR code or visit our website. All welcome.

6th year student wins Gold in Team Sparring

Amy Wade (6th year) and her teammates become European Champions yesterday winning Gold in the Junior Female Team Sparring. A fantastic achievement and great results from Team Ireland. Amy also got to the quarter final in her -57kg Female individual section beating Scotland and Bulgaria and narrowly missing out on a medal in a close fight with the eventual winner of the section from Hungary. A great achievement.



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Coding: On Saturday 5th April, five of our students attended the National Bebras Final in Maynooth University. These students qualified after their high results in the Bebras Challenge in November. This was a massive achievement in itself as over 12,000 students competed with only 600 invited to the National Final. Hugh congratulations to 2nd yr Daniel McDevitt, who came 1st out of the 126 students in his category. The Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge is a challenge that has participants think like a computer to solve problems, for example, one question asked to find a safe code with a limited number of information. It is designed to promote computational thinking and problem-solving skills among students, encouraging the next generation of digital innovators and creative thinkers.

After the winners were announced, Dan took home a gold certificate and a 100 euro One4All gift card for his 1st Place triumph.

Well done also to Ayman Ahmed, Seán Finn Hennessy, Adam Wheeler and Dara Power, who all had brilliant scores on the day.

School Tour: Our 60 2nd yr students, and six teachers, all returned safely after a memorable 4-day school tour to Barcelona during the Easter Holidays. It was an action-packed tour with a lot of exciting activities including a trip to PortAventura, sightseeing tours of Barcelona, a visit to Monserrat Cathedral, a walking tour of Montjuic Olympic Park, a visit to L'Aquarium and a visit to Barceloneta and Salou Beach. Unfortunately, the Nou Camp Stadium is undergoing a major renovation, so they missed out on a traditional tour of the home of Barcelona FC. They did however do an immersive virtual tour where they got to explore the new museum, which brought them on a journey through Barca's past, present and future via historic moments, legendary players and famous sporting triumphs. The fine Spring sunshine made for a fantastic tour for everyone and the students are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour and co-operation throughout. Our current 1st yrs have already signed up for a similar tour in 2026.

Hurling: Our 2nd yr hurling team had an impressive 3-15 to 3-3 victory against Clonkeen College just before the Easter Break in their Dublin League 1-4 final, with Aaron Farrell scoring an impressive 2-7 on the day. Daniel Wallace also had a fine game as he added 0-6 with some beautifully taken scores. The team then faced Coláiste Choilm, Swords on Tuesday for a place in the semi-finals. It was a high scoring and

entertaining encounter but Lucan were eventually beaten 4-20 to 4-13 by an impressive Swords team. Aaron continued his excellent form with another 1-6, while Peter Hickey (2-0), James Dillon (1-2), Daniel Wallace (0-4) and Caoilinn Reilly (0-1) got the other scores.

Wellbeing: Coláiste Phádraig hosted a Mental Health Awareness Day on Wednesday 9th April. Students on the Amber Flag Committee decided it would be a good idea to place a 'supports sheet' (a list of services available for students struggling with mental health issues) around the school. 1st yrs George Mulavarickal and Cian Mills and 2nd yr Seán Finn Hennessy, along with Ms. Farrell, visited every single classroom to place this information on the walls and to explain the initiative to students.

Students and staff were also invited to take (and wear!) a green ribbon as part of the See Change Green Ribbon Campaign. This campaign aims to spread awareness about mental health difficulties and open up honest conversations about mental health and well-being.

Transition Year: Some of our TY students concluded their 4-week block of rowing lessons with Municipal Rowing Centre in Islandbridge just before the Easter Break. The glorious Spring sunshine made for perfect rowing conditions and the students really enjoyed being out on the calm waters of the Liffey, in the wide-open spaces beside the club.

The students were racing for a place in the school's regatta in Islandbridge on Thursday 8th May and all three boats qualified! Well done to the 12 students involved.

Student

News: All of our students got to enjoy some ice-cream on Friday, the last day before the Easter

Holidays, as a reward for their excellent co-operation, courteous behaviour and good manners throughout the school year. An ice-cream van was hired for the day by management for grateful students with the delicious 99s being extremely popular on a warm, spring day. Local ice-cream vendor Paddy (whose father started the business 50 years ago) was serving ice-creams at a rate of 1 every 20secs and in total he served over 750 ice-creams to students and staff throughout the day so many thanks to him on his professionalism and patience.



St. Joseph's College

Junior Achievement Ireland: Well done to our TYs who participated in a 'Girls go Circular' workshop organised by Junior Achievement Ireland. The students learned about the circular economy and came up with excellent sustainable business ideas for the world of fashion.

Junior Hockey: Our junior hockey team had a great win in a recent hockey game against Lucan Community College. It was a great game played in brilliant conditions and with a many of the students knowing each players on the opposing team due to the locality of the schools. Well done to our girls for coming out on top in the game.

Darkness into Light: Once again this year student and staff from St. Josephs will be participating in Darkness into Light in St. Catherines Park on May 10th. This is a fantastic fundraiser will all proceeds going towards Pieta House. Details of how you donate can be found on the school Instagram page.

Special Assemblies: The annual special assemblies were held in the school before the Easter break. These assemblies reward students from each year group who have made an exceptional contribution to school life and the ethos of the school over the last year. Well done to all the awards winners.

First year basketball: Well done to our First Year Basketball team who were narrowly beaten by a strong Ennistymon CS team yesterday in the All Ireland Basketball competition. We are super proud of all our players who displayed great skill, strength and determination on the day and throughout the season. St Joseph's were placed 3rd overall in the Minor C All Ireland competition. Many thanks to Basketball Ireland and UL Sports Arena for hosting the match. We wish Ennistymon CS the very best of luck in the All Ireland Final in two week's time.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 12th 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



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Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:
St. Mary's Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Lucan Library – May Events

May Bank Holiday - Closed Friday May 2nd at 4.30pm, reopens Tuesday 6th May at 9.45am.



Bealtine Festival

Live Music at the Library. Saturday 10th May, 2pm. Claire Sherry & Stephen Fagan. All welcome. Felt Needling Workshop for Adults with Martina Kirwan. Saturday 17th May at 2pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite.



Table Quiz for Adults. Thursday 22nd May 2-4pm. Register at the Desk.



Dublin Climate Action Week.

Stitch and Sustain. Sewing for Adults. Wednesday 14th May. 5.45pm – 8pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Ways to Save Home Energy with CODEMA.

Thursday 15th May - 6.30pm. All welcome.

Bio Diversity Week

A Year in the Woods. 19th May, 6.30pm
All welcome. Paul Clements talks about his time in a rural cottage in the woodlands of Montalto Estate, Co Down. Eventbrite: www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Activities for Neurodivergent Children

Wednesday 14th May, 10 am.
Sensory Playtime for Pre School Children with Rebecca McDermott. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

For Younger Children

Storytime for Under 6's. Tuesdays at 3pm.
All welcome.

Parent & Baby Reflexology. Tuesday 13th May at 9.45am. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Library Crafts for Under 6's with Meabh

Tuesdays 27th May at 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Creative Writing Group for Adults

Thursday 8th & 22nd May, 10.00 am – noon.
New members most welcome.

Knitting Group for Adults

Mondays 10am-12pm. No booking necessary.



Classic Film Club

Tuesday 20th May at 5.30pm
Register at Library Desk.

Book Clubs

Monday 27th May Lunchtime Book Club, 12 noon. New members welcome.



Junior Book Club – Wednesday 29th May 3.30pm
New members welcome.

Wednesday 29th May 7pm. New member's welcome.

Exhibition. Life and Works of Jane Austen.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Table Quiz

There will be a table quiz on in the club house this Friday the 2nd of May at 8:30pm in aid of Lucan Community College. €50 per table of four people. All welcome.



Our U12 girls are heading to Croke Park next Monday for the Camán to Croker Blitz. 64 teams from across the country have been invited to represent their clubs and counties in this fun filled day through a series of blitz'. Our girls are very excited, and we would like to wish them the best of luck!

Annual Golf Classic

Support the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic this June!

We're gearing up for our annual Golf Classic in June and would love your support! This event helps fund our club's growth and success, benefiting players of all ages.

Sponsorship Options:

- ✓ Tee & Green Sponsors
- ✓ Team Sponsorship
- ✓ Prize Sponsors



Get great visibility, network, and show your support for the club!

For more info or to get involved, contact Maggie - 087 286 6581 or Pat - 086 804 3331 Thanks for your support!

Summer Camps

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

Lotto

There was no winner of our lotto jackpot of €1,800. The Numbers were **2, 3, 24 & 28**.

Lucky dip's go to Pat Keane, Mick Roche, Tom Martin, JJ Hegarty, Patrick Quinn.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,200. This draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre.



County

Congratulations to Chris Crummey and John Bellew who were named in the GAA Hurling team of the week! A great achievement for the lads and a proud time for the club.

Well done to Sophie McIntyre, Abby Shiels Siobhán Birnie, Paul Casey and the Dublin Senior Ladies Footballers as they progress to the Leinster final. Pictured below after their win over Kildare.



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





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Seaimpíní faoi dhó d'ár gcailíní Féile 2025

Comhghairdeas ollmhór lenár gcailíní F15 a bhuaigh an Féile Peile, ag cur leis an teideal

camógaíochta a bhuaigh siad cúpla sheachtain ó shin!

Táimid chomh bródúil astu. Chuireadar an-troid isteach le taispeántas scileanna den chéad scoth idir inné agus an cluiche ceannais inniú. Bhí sé chomh deas an tacaíocht a fheiceáil ansin ar an taobhlíne ón bhfoireann is óige sa chlub suas go dtí na foirne is sine.

"Mol an óige agus Tíocfaidh siad"



Double Champions for our Féile 2025 girls

Huge congratulations to our U15 girls who won the football Féile today, adding to their camogie Féile title from a few weeks ago!

What an amazing achievement — we're so proud of you all! They put on such a display of skills and fought until the very end. It was great to see our supporters on the side from the youngest teams right up to our senior level.

Éacht iontach - táimid chomh bródúil asaibh a chailíní!!

Is club lán Ghaeilge í Na Gaeil Óga

CLG. Táimid lonnaithe anseo i Leamhcáin agus táimid anseo le fás agus forbairt a chuir ar ár dteanga Ghaeilge i mbealach sóisialta agus nádútha lasmuigh de suíomh na scoile. Tá foirne againn ón acadamh suas go dtí foirne fásta. Bíonn campaí CLG ar siúl againn chomh maith le maidin caife, club reatha sóisialta agus go leor eile chun an teanga a chur chun cinn. Tá páistí againn ó scoileanna éagsúla ach go h-áirithe na gaeilscoileanna anseo i Leamhcáin, Gaeilscoil Naomh Pádraig, Gaeilscoil Eiscir

Riada agus Coláiste Cois Life. Má tá suim agat bheith mar bhaill againn tar i dteagmháil linn ar secretary.nagaeiloga.dublin@gaa.ie

Na Gaeil Óga CLG is an all Irish speaking GAA club. We are based here in the heart of Lucan and we are here to develop and support our native language in both social and natural settings outside of the school environment. We have teams from academy ages right up to senior level. WE do Easter/Summer/Autumn camps, coffee mornings, a running club and much more to help promote and develop the language as much as we can. We have children from many schools in particular Gaeilscoil Naomh Pádraig, Gaeilscoil Eiscir Riada and Coláiste Cois Life. If you are interested in joining Na Gaeil Óga do not hesitate to contact us on secretary.nagaeiloga.dublin@gaa.ie

All are welcome regardless of your level of Irish.

Tá fáilte roimh imreoirí agus baill nua i gcónaí... Bígí Linn..



Caipe's Combrá
MAIDIN CAIFE
Leis Na Gaeil Óga
Bigí Linn gach Aoine den Mhí
Join us Every Friday!!!
Cleachtaigh do chuid Gaeilge le
• Cupán Caipe nó Tae
Dualadh ag 10m/Meet at 10am
Insomnia, Baile Eoghain
Conas atá tú??

**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 9th May
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Price : €45 (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

POLITICAL NOTES

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell.

“Not just at election time”

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Dáil report:

My contributions this week included a call for action on nitrous oxide cannisters, highlighting gross failures at Children’s Health Ireland and seeking investigations on new allegations about IT failures. I spoke on special needs education, international insolvency legislation and the National Planning Framework. I also again called for movement on the Occupied Territories Bill. Many speeches can be found on my website and on Facebook, TikTok and Instagram.

Local issues:

An audit has been promised at the Esker Lawns/Lucan Heights junction off the Lucan Road, however we are seeking clarity on the timeframe as previous audits have taken over four months before amendments have been recommended... Meanwhile I got information that the new special school in Lucan will provide an initial 30 places. Applications via NCSE locally.

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Nitrous Oxide Misuse – Action:

We have all become too familiar with the sight of discarded cannisters of nitrous oxide across our community. Together with my Sinn Féin colleagues we have been raising the need to protect our youth from the ongoing misuse and profiteering of this substance. This week my colleagues Mark Ward TD and Seán Crowe TD took action and reintroduced legislation to regulate the sale of Nitrous Oxide to commercial use only. Hopefully all members of the Dáil will support this common-sense bill.

Esker Glebe – Public Lighting:

Following some queries from residents, I am happy to confirm that there will be new public lighting installed along the pedestrian path that links the green space at the bottom of Old Esker Lane to the N4 footbridge, directly opposite the Glebe.

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Free HRT:

From 1st June, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) will be available free of charge to women through participating pharmacies under a new state-funded scheme. This is a welcome step in supporting women experiencing symptoms of menopause, and I hope to see more pharmacies join the scheme over time.

Celebrating Local Home Care:

I was pleased to formally cut the ribbon for Dovidá Dublin West, in Lucan, as they mark a new chapter in their work supporting older people to live independently at home. Formerly known as Home Instead, Dovidá’s rebrand reflects a renewed focus on high quality, person-centred care. The company employs over 250 staff, many based locally, and provides essential support to more than 400 clients, including many here in Lucan. Home care plays a vital role in our community, and it’s great to see local services growing.

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Esker Park Flooding:

Residents reported significant flooding on their road following rainfall. This issue is ongoing for several years. Uisce Éireann confirmed that the flooding is not related to drainage problems. The council acknowledged that remedial works were recommended to address the situation. As these works were not carried out, a reminder was sent to the Area Engineer for prompt attention. I will continue to monitor and follow up on this issue until the necessary works are completed.

Dodsboro Road Speeding Concerns:

The Council confirmed that the road has a 50 km/h speed limit and serves as a bus route. Consequently, speed ramps are not recommended. I highlighted this issue with Lucan Garda Station. Speeding concerns should be reported to An Garda Síochána at your local station or via the confidential phone line at 1800 666 111.

*Political Notes Cont’d
over.....*



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Lucan House Masterplan:

The Lucan House Masterplan is currently progressing through the feasibility and concept design stages. It is expected to be presented to Councillors by early June.

Swimming Pool:

It's positive that Aura Leisure Services are advertising vacancies for summer camps. From our contacts with the company, they are confident work on the building is getting closer. The gym opening appears imminent, but it is utterly frustrating that SDCC are STILL not giving an estimated opening date, something I referenced during discussion on my motion last week.

Village works on target:

The Council has confirmed that works on the weir, village green and Demesne are on schedule with the green due to be ready by September. In the meantime, the current phase includes ducting work and traffic management continues in the evenings.

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Cherbury Park:

I have made representation on behalf of residents regarding traffic management and safety at the entrance to the estate. I will update residents in due course.

Finnstown Abbey:

Thank you to all concerned residents to raise an issue with graffiti in the area. Happy to assist.

Did you know South Dublin County Council has an Age Friendly Officer supporting residents aged 55 and over?

The programme offers age-friendly housing advice, accessible library services (including hearing loops, magnifiers, and ACORN tablets), and links to local groups like Active Retirement and Men's & Women's Sheds to help you stay connected and active.

To find out more or get involved, please feel free to get in touch! Three things to consider today: Could joining a local group boost your wellbeing? Is your home still right for your needs? Have you explored the supports available through the council?

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THANK YOU:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in the Lucan Newsletter for their dedication and hard work. Meeting readers who have enjoyed my contributions has been a pleasure. I am looking forward to what lies ahead!

Darkness Into Light Lucan:

I'm delighted to announce that Lucan has been selected as an official venue for this year's walks. Having initiated these walks in 2022 due to immense local interest, I'm thrilled that Lucan has been recognised. With a dedicated team, we eagerly anticipate marking Lucan's inaugural official event this Saturday! The walk begins at 4:15 am, meeting next to the overflow car park in St. Catherine's Park. For further details, please visit our Instagram and Facebook pages. A heartfelt thank you to all supporters, volunteers, local businesses, Fingal County Council and all the participants taking part.

Lucan Harriers AC - Memorial Mile

Join us at our track to remember loved ones who have passed. This is open to everyone in the community. 23/05/2025 @ 6:30pm.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Some of our members have been travelling. Anna sent us some photographs taken in Bilbao in Spain. We don't know if she got caught up in the massive power cut that hit Spain and Portugal earlier this week. We hope not! She sent us a photograph of "Puppy" by the American artist, Jeff Koons, which is located in front of the Guggenheim Museum and is made of stainless steel, earth and flowering plants. The installation is 12 meters tall. The Guggenheim, Bilbao is one of several museums affiliated to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation. Anna also sent us a peculiar landscape from the region.

Michael G was in Belfast and sent in a photograph of one of the two iconic Harland and Wolff cranes, Samson and Goliath, from the top floor of the Titanic Centre. He also submitted a photo of the Belfast Harbour lights taken from the same vantage point.



Nearer to home Joe was in Dublin Castle and sent in photographs of stained glass and of the organ in the Chapel Royal. There has been a chapel in the grounds of Dublin Castle since at least 1242. The present chapel was opened on Christmas Day 1814 as the Anglican chapel of the Viceroy. It was designed by Francis Johnson who also designed the General Post Office. Following Independence in 1922 the chapel lay dormant until 1943 when it became a catholic church. The church was deconsecrated in 1983. The organ is no longer playable. The pipework and mechanisms have been removed although the case was restored in 2008.