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## Time or Money!?

The budget has been good news in terms of putting a little more money in everyone's pocket. However, as an observer of real life for people with young families and horrendous expenses for house rentals, mortgages, creche costs .... the extra money will almost fall from pockets as people continue to race through each day at a crazy pace! The pace of life seems to be accelerating to a level that dawn is the starting block for the race and dusk the time to crash to a stop at the daily finish line! Where is the time to stop and notice the beauty of life in the people in our lives and the beauty of the world around us! What is the point of the race if we see nothing en route with each encounter with a person like a passing of the baton in a relay race!



I've been caught in moments of frustration and been the cause of frustration on occasions, but I'm fortunate that it is not the regular pattern of my life. Frustrations arise when we don't have time to make sense of experiences and be our best selves in the moment, or in the long term. Being the cause of frustration and knowing that being the case is OK to accept and deal with on occasion, but wearing and debilitating if occurring in the long term as relationships suffer as does one's own self-concept.

If given a choice, would you prefer an extra hour each day to enjoy time with family and/or friends or an extra €1000 a year for expenses or material goods? Do you have a choice? The cash factor is provided by the budget, but do the other aspects of life enable time for what matters to us most? Can the extra cash buy time for what matters? -perhaps it can!-or will it be gobbled up doing more of the same and feeling exhausted at the end of every day or week!

We are living in times when there are great educational and occupational opportunities for most. However, the pause button needs to be pressed to relief pressure and to check the direction of movement in life so that we don't crash into a space of least desire chasing opportunities, including ill health due to neglect of some form. Leisure is that pause space and the energy of the leisure space needs long laughs and long chats in good company and a good environment. So, before we get excited about money we need to be careful not to sell our soul space to a meaningless void! We only live once so let's do it well!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist to 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

## Budget 2025

The Department of Social Protection allocation is €2.6 billion in 2025.

### Once-off payments

Once-off payment of €200 to people getting the Living Alone Increase (November 2024)

Once-off payment of €300 to people getting Fuel Allowance (November 2024)

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting the Working Family Payment (November 2024)

Once-off payment of €100 for each qualifying child to people who get an increase for a qualified child (November 2024)

Two double payments of Child Benefit for each child, one to be paid in November 2024 and the second in December 2024.

A double week payment to people getting a long-term social welfare weekly payment in October 2024 (in addition to the Christmas Bonus)

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension or Blind Pension (November 2024)

Once-off payment of €400 to people getting Domiciliary Care Allowance and/or the Carer's Support Grant (November 2024)

If you get Disability Allowance, Invalidity Pension, Blind Pension, Domiciliary Care Allowance and/or the Carer's Support Grant, you'll get one payment of €400, even if you qualify for more than one of these payments or you are caring for more than one person.

### Social Welfare weekly payments

The maximum weekly rate of Maternity Benefit, Adoptive Benefit, Paternity Benefit and Parent's Benefit will increase by €15 (January 2025). All other weekly social welfare payments will increase by €12 with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment (January 2025).

The Increase for a Qualified Child (IQC) will be renamed the Child Support Payment. The weekly rate will increase by €4 from €46 to €50, for children under 12 years of age. It will increase by €8 from €54 to €62 for children aged 12 years and over (January 2025).

A once-off double week will be paid to people getting a qualifying social welfare payment in October 2024. Payments that qualify for the Christmas Bonus will qualify for the once-off double week in October.

### Christmas Bonus

A Christmas Bonus of 100% will be paid in December 2024 to people getting a qualifying social welfare payment. This is in addition to the double week payment for people on long-term social welfare payments in October 2024.

### Child Benefit

A New born Baby Grant of €280, in addition to the first month of Child Benefit of €140, will be paid to children born on or after 1 January 2025.

A once-off double payment of Child Benefit for each child will be paid in November 2024. The double payment will be €280 for each child. Another once-off double payment of Child Benefit for each child will be paid in December 2024.

### Working Family Payment

The Working Family Payment income limits will increase by €60 a week for all family sizes (January 2025).

**More information is available on our website or from our office.**





At St Mary Parish Centre  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Open from 2pm – 5pm



Féileacán Bán is a HSE Nursing Service that provides care and support for people living with dementia and their families in their local community. The HSE has partnered with the local community and SuperValu Lucan to set up this much needed social event in Lucan.

The Féileacán Bán Community Café will operate once a month and will offer a warm friendly and safe space to people living with dementia and their family. It will provide an opportunity for attendees to socialise and meet others on the dementia journey over tea, coffee, and pastries kindly sponsored by SuperValu Lucan.

Importantly, the café will be free of charge for all who attend, ensuring it is accessible to everyone in need of this support in our local communities.

For further information / queries or if you are interested in volunteering please contact:  
Edel Carey, Advanced Nurse Practitioner @ 087 7218816 or [edel.carey@hse.ie](mailto:edel.carey@hse.ie)

**Dates for 2024 are:**

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**

November 9<sup>th</sup>

December 14<sup>th</sup>

**Open from 2pm – 5pm**



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

**Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa!**

## Lucan ICA

*Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:* Our Craft Group is a hive of activity creating all kinds of handmade items to sell at our upcoming Arts & Crafts Fair. More details later.

*Tea Hostesses:* Anne Beales and Ann Byrne.

*Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October:* Group Night in Castleknock Guild at 8pm. We look forward to meeting our friends from Castleknock and Blanchardstown Guilds.

The competition is: A Halloween Face Mask of any medium, ... so ladies get busy and show off your talent.

## LUCAN Festival

One of our most successful events during our Festival is the meetings of our Primary Pupils with a panel of Senior former school pupils. This year a record ten 4th/5th primary classes attended to discover what went on in schools up to 50 years ago.

Everyone enjoyed the question and answer sessions which took place in the Presbyterian Church on the Weds and Fri mornings of the week.

We would like to thank the Presbyterian Church for the use of the Church and also Costa Coffee, O'Briens Cafe and the Food Centre for their donation of paper cups.

An omission on our supporters programme page was M & E Supplies who have looked after us with signs etc over the last number of years.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October*

Social Morning in St Mary's Parish Centre  
10.30am – 12.30.

New members welcome!

**LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

PRIZES  
RAFFLE  
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TEAMS  
**€40**  
TABLE OF 4

Entry on the night!

**FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER**  
8pm | Lucan Sarsfields

Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

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

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

**The Rosary:** For the month of October, a public Rosary will be said each evening Monday to Friday at 5pm at the grotto, for the special intentions of parishioners.

If the weather is bad the Rosary will be said inside the Church. All are welcome.



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

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

**Baptisms in St. Mary's:** Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

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

### St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2024

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 2024 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



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

*All welcome. Sr Geraldine.*

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

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

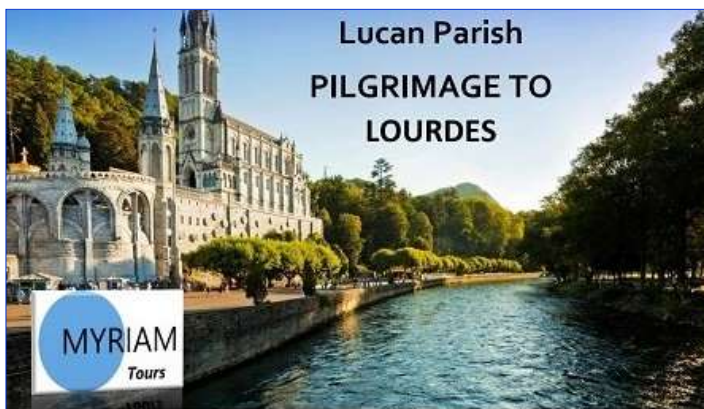
Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

## Medjugorje Mass St. Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Mass 6.15pm

Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm



Lucan Parish

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- Trip to Bartres
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Call us on 057 93 55050 or email us at [infor@myriam.ie](mailto:infor@myriam.ie)

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.



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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

### Calling all Singers!

We are looking for new and old singers to join our parish choirs in the parish of Divine Mercy, Lucan South. Our choirs are very welcoming and a great place to meet new people and enjoy singing together.

The choirs are back in September as follows:

Children's choir resumes on Thursday 12th Sep at 6pm.

Teenage / Youth choir is back on Friday 13th Sep at 7:30pm.

Adult choir is back on Saturday 7th Sep for 6pm Mass.

The Family choir is back already.

Please talk to anyone from the choirs after mass, or leave a message in the parish office if you would like to join!

### 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. *All welcome*

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

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

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

### Legion of Mary:

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday tea/coffee morning:** There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room.

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

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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)

### Tea/Coffee:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre.

*All are welcome*



## Anniversaries

### Maureen Lally

*14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 8<sup>th</sup> October.*

*Late of A.G.P. Lucan.*

Today is such a painful day  
Full of sadness and grief for me  
As I mourn the moment that you left  
Recalling how life used to be.

You were someone very special  
Who left your mark on so many lives  
Things just haven't been the same  
Since we said goodbye.

The bond we share will never end  
Even though we are apart  
I find comfort in the memories  
Deep within my heart.

This heartfelt message is for you  
I miss you more than words can say  
The world lost someone precious  
On the day you went away.

*Deeply missed by her loving daughter Joyce, son  
in law Mark, grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and  
Matthew and great grandson Ollie.*



### Maureen Lally

*14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 8<sup>th</sup> October*

God called your name so softly  
That only you could hear,  
And no one heard the footsteps  
Of angels drawing near.

The golden gates stood open  
God saw you needed a rest,  
His garden must be beautiful  
As he only takes the best.  
Love and miss you so much Mam.  
Forever in our hearts.

*From your loving Daughter Alison, Andy, Ruth,  
Craig, Alisha and Caden ♥♥*



### Dave Murray

*First Anniversary, 7<sup>th</sup> October*

"As you were you will always be,  
Treasured forever in our memory"

*Missed by his sisters Marie, Nina, Josephine and  
Kay. Sister in law Lily, Brother in law Joe, Nieces  
and Nephews.*

Also special thoughts for **Sean**.



### Upcoming Workshop for Frontline Workers

This one day 'in person' workshop is for front-line professionals or personnel who are in contact or supporting family members who have experienced a bereavement in traumatic circumstances.

The workshop will take place in the Louis Fitzgerald Hotel, Newland's Cross, Exit 1A Naas Road, Dublin 22. D22 X5N7 on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 9am. See the attached information flyer for more details.

*This workshop is open to:*

Garda Siochana/PSNI Family Liaison Offices  
Emergency First Responders  
Funeral Directors  
Emergency Departments Medical Staff  
Social Workers  
Chaplains/Clergy  
Anyone working in an organisations in contact or supporting bereaved families

If you would like to join us for this workshop please register on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/supporting-families-through-grief-loss-and-trauma-one-day-workshop-tickets-1007529276187>

Please note there is a registration fee of € 10 for this workshop, which includes refreshments, lunch and course handouts. As we have to limit the number of places, we would encourage you to register as soon as possible for this event.

If you need any further information please get in touch with us on [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or 01 4045378



**Older people need  
your support!**

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.



**Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St Mary's Conference,  
Lucan**

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022  
or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)



### Talk of the town this week, is the Village Works!

The barriers are up, and work is commencing on three sites – The Village Green and Main Street, Liffey Promenade, Demesne Park Entrance and Car Park.

The Hi-Vis people were spotted going from site to site with rolled up plans under their arms – let's hope the plans are good ones. The work itself is expected to take a full year to complete. No doubt, traffic will experience some problems along the way.....



One of the first jobs here appeared to be the cutting away of some of the Griffen railing.



The Demesne entrance blocked off but access is still provided for walkers.



We understand that the above space will become the new car park – wouldn't have thought there was a lot of space, but time will tell!

## October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds  
came -  
The Chestnuts, Oaks and  
Maples,  
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.  
And everything was  
grand,  
Miss Weather led the  
dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,  
The Oaks in crimson dressed;  
The lovely Misses Maple  
In scarlet looked their best;  
All balanced to their partners,  
And gaily fluttered by;  
The sight was like a rainbow  
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,  
At hide-and-seek they played,  
The party closed at  
sundown,  
And everybody  
stayed.  
Professor Wind  
played louder;  
They flew along the ground;  
And then the party ended  
In jolly "hands around."

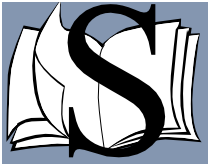


*By George Cooper*



### Those sensible new shoes....

As a child, I can remember walking up Esker Hill to the graveyard, and kicking the leaves in the air, only to be told not to be scuffing my new winter shoes!



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**Admission for 1st year 2025:** The admission process for 1st year 2025 is now open online. If you have a child in 6th class interested in attending Lucan CC, please go to [lucancc.ie](http://lucancc.ie) and select parents/guardians - admission/enrolment - and scroll down to read the Admission Notice and Admission policy and then click on Online Application to complete the form. **Closing date is 5pm on Friday 25th October** but please do not leave it until the last minute in case of technical issues. Applications for 1st year 2025 will now be submitted online only. Please ensure that you read the policy, band descriptors and Appendix 4 carefully before you apply and that you upload all required information at application stage. A letter will be issued to all feeder primary schools advising about the admission process.

**OPEN DAY:** On Tuesday the 1st of October we held a very successful open day where 5th and 6th class primary students along with their parents and guardians toured the school, experienced the range of subjects and extra-curricular activities on offer in Lucan Community College. There was a great atmosphere in the school as students and teachers put on subject displays, informative presentations, and friendly interactions with very positive feedback received from the prospective students and their parents.

**St. Mary's BNS, Lucan**  
 We are now receiving applications for **Junior Infants for September 2025**. Application forms can be downloaded from our school website which is: [www.stmarysbnslucan.com](http://www.stmarysbnslucan.com) and the **closing date for applications is Friday 15th November**.

Thanks to all the staff and students for their hard work, passion and dedication in making the Open day a successful event. The student volunteers were fantastic and embody the essence of what we are in Lucan Community College. Above is photo of the TY stand managed by students Naomi Darcy and Dylan McGill.



**Hockey:** Well done to our Senior Girls Hockey team who beat Mount Anville Secondary School 4 - 0 on Tuesday the 1st of October





## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Enrolment:** A reminder that application forms for admission to 1<sup>st</sup> yr in September 2025 are now available from the school office. They can also be downloaded from our website @ [www.colaiestephadraigluacan.ie](http://www.colaiestephadraigluacan.ie). Completed application forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**.

**Cross Country:** Well done to our 14 athletes who competed in the Dublin cross-country championships held in the Phoenix Park last Thursday. After heavy rain the previous day, conditions underfoot were pretty heavy so every competitor certainly felt it in their legs.

Daniel Abbott competed in the 1<sup>st</sup> yr 1.3km race and he performed extremely well to finish in 6<sup>th</sup> place (out of 180 competitors!) in a fast time of 5 minutes 25 secs. Daniel kept pace with the frontrunners throughout before using his pace and stamina to finish strongly and claim a richly deserved medal.

Conor Abbott, who had a superb season last year in cross-country for the school, once again

demonstrated his phenomenal talent by finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2.6km 3<sup>rd</sup> yr race in a time of 10:25. Well done to Conor on his silver medal. The Abbotts are certainly a fit family and we anticipate reporting on further successes for the brothers in cross-country and athletics throughout the school year.

Paddy McGonigle and Senan Carley also placed in the top 10 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> yr race and both received medals for their excellent runs.

**Hurling:** Our Junior Hurlers were defeated 4-10 to 3-10 last Friday by St. Paul's College Raheny, in their 2<sup>nd</sup> group match of their Post-Primary Schools Leinster Hurling "B" League campaign. Conditions were difficult for both sides in St. Anne's Park, with wind and persistent rain throughout the game. Jack McCarthy had a superb game for Lucan in the inside forward position as he scored an impressive 2-07. Raheny struggled to cope with Jack's athleticism, running power, strength in the air and game intelligence as he tormented their backline throughout with a magnificent performance of skill and precision finishing.

Páidí Murphy (1-1), Derry Ware (0-1) and Conor McHugh (0-1) got the other Lucan goals but St.



Paul's proved to be a little more clinical on the day and they just about held on for a hard-fought victory in a game that could easily have gone the other way. The team have now won one and lost one in the group stages so they know that victory at home to Malahide CS will secure a top two finish and qualification for the knock-out stages of the competition.

**Higher Options:** All 6<sup>th</sup> yr students attended the Higher Options Day at the RDS last Thursday. This popular 3-day event has become an annual fixture on the Education calendar of secondary schools as representatives from over 160 colleges, universities and institutes of further education, from home and abroad, set up stalls to inform and attract students from around the country.

There were exhibitors from Ireland, the UK, the EU and America in attendance on the day. Over the course of their visit our students got to attend lectures and talks, across four stages, about a wide variety of careers ranging from Engineering, Teaching, Nursing, Agriculture, Science and Design, Horticulture and Sustainability, Law, Hospitality and Tourism and many, many others. There were also practical talks on the CAO application procedure, while career guidance expert Brian Mooney was on hand to help the students identify the career area that may suit them best.

Talks also addressed applying for a Student Universal Support Ireland grant, apprenticeships and studying abroad. The students definitely found the whole experience informative and helpful, as they prepare to make important career choices over the coming months and years. The students also got the chance to meet and interact with third-level students at the event which helped them gain an understanding of what college life involves.

**Subject Options:** In **Engineering**, our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students are getting to make "Pac-Man" keyrings out of plastic during their Taster Week. To do this, they learned how to use their bench tools as well as the pillar drill. The students were taught how to use the standard marking-out, measuring and gauging equipment in the correct manner. They also learned the basic skills of using the manual and power operated hand drills, as well as a selection of suitable drilling speeds and feeds. As in all practical subjects, safety rules are an essential part of the subject so the students learned the basic Health and Safety rules that must be followed, such as the correct use and storage of all materials, tools and equipment used in the classroom, personal protection, and the control of dust and fumes.

## St. Joseph's College

**First Year Mass:** Our First Year Mass took place on Monday 23rd September in St Mary's Church, Lucan. The theme of our Mass was Gathering as a Community. Many students participated and we were in awe of their musical talents and wonderful public speaking voices. It was a wonderful opportunity for all First Years to come together as we have a very diverse community within the school. This gathering as a community underpins the message which we in St. Joseph's wish to foster, we are a community where everyone is important, valued and recognised.



**Higher Options:** Last Thursday, all our sixth years spent the morning at Higher Options at the RDS. This is a fair where sixth year students all over the country come and attend and can speak to representatives from many of the third level institutions around the country. The sixth years found the day extremely worthwhile and informative as they begin to consider the courses they will place on their CAO forms in the coming months. Thanks to the guidance department for organising the day.

**Student Council Bake Sale:** Last Wednesday the student council held a bake sale at lunch time. All the proceeds of the sale went to Harold's Cross Hospice. There was a fantastic turn out on the day as many of the students and staff wanted to sample the tasty treats that were on sale. A fantastic €750 was raised (and counting). Well done to Ms. Banks and all involved on the day.



**Cross Country:** Congratulations to all the athletes who ran in the Phoenix Park on Thursday.

Lucy Cassidy ran a fantastic race coming 6th in the 1st year 1300m Cross country race winning a bronze medal. Our wonderful 3rd years were first team home in the 2600 metres with a fantastic performance from all. An amazing win from Ana Jones and 4 more of our team featuring in the top 15, Maia Hannon in 3rd Poppy Lyons Kennedy in 5th and Isabella Lyons Kennedy in 7th and Ellen Kenny in 14th. Well done all.

**Senior Camogie:** Hard luck to our senior camogie team who were beaten in their first championship game against Dominican College. The team still have two games left in their group and still have a good chance to qualify for the knockout stages of the competition.

**Follow Us on Twitter:** @StJosephsLucan

**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

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

## People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan

In Canon Despard Centre  
Chapel Hill, Lucan

Sunday 27th Oct

Monday 28th Oct

11am - 5pm

Please come along.  
Support local Artists and Crafters.  
Enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!  
*Everyone is welcome!*

**In aid of Alice Leahy Trust**  
(Supporting Homelessness)

**Fees for both days for**

Artists 6ft Stand €60,

Crafters 6ft table €60 and 4ft table €40



## Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in St. Mary's Parish  
Centre,

from 9.30am to 11.30am

All  
Welcome!



## Lucan Library - October Events



**ASTRO PHOTOGRAPHY**

Join Martin McCormack of the Astrophotography Club of Ireland for a beginners adult workshop designed to help you get started photographing the night sky:

- Understand basic concepts
- Cover the equipment you'll need
- Plan your astro shoot
- The camera settings you'll need to effectively photograph the night sky

Lucan Library  
7.00pm Thurs 10th Oct  
Booking Essential on Eventbrite

Those who have registered for My Open Library will be able to access the library's unstaffed service until 10pm, as described below.

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

**Here at Lucan Library we have 3 Festival events:** Monday 14th October, 7pm: Spit it out! Poetry Workshop with Colm Keegan. Details here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/spit-it-out-poetry-workshop-tickets-1012744133967>

Thursday 17th October, 7pm: Charlotte Bronte, Martina Devlin in conversation with Dr Jarlath Killeen and Sinead Cuddihy: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charlotte-in-conversation-with-author-martina-devlin-tickets-1006851448787>

**Saturday 19th October, 1pm: Personal Essay Writing with Ellen Brickley:** <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/personal-essay-writing-with-ellen-brickley-tickets-1006855861987>

### Children's Book Festival

Children's Book Festival 2024 runs nationally this October and is a great opportunity for young people, parents, teachers and libraries to celebrate books and reading!

**Design a Book Cover Competition as part of Children's Book Festival:** Lucan Library is asking our borrowers to create a cover of your own for a book called: The Worm Who Loved Books! by Luca N. Library.



**The competition is for 2 age groups:** Under 6 years – colouring page. 7-10 years – blank page. Mystery Prize for top 3 winners of each category! Collect your entry page at the library desk. Don't forget to write in your details! Winners will be announced at the end of October

**Art & Creativity with Elena (Halloween Theme).** For 6-8 years: Thursday 17th October, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 10th October: [https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-6-8-years-old-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-6-8-years-old-tickets-955938767587)

[955938767587](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-956011414877) For 9-12 years: Thursday 24th October, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 17th October: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-956011414877>

**Toddler Time with Little Turtles:** Thursday 31st October, 10am. Booking essential from Thursday 24th October at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/little-turtles-toddler-time-tickets-1025409546557>

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



## Cyber Security Awareness Talk

Tuesday 15th October  
12.30pm / All Welcome

What is cyber security?  
Why is it important?  
Effective use of Passwords  
Different types of cyber threats  
How to keep your device safe from these threats

## Lucan Planning Council

We welcome the reduction on car traffic on the Quays. This new traffic layout on the Quays is causing a major problem for buses serving Lucan and surrounding areas.

The bus lane is on the left-hand side on the building side and the vehicle car lane on the outer lane, the problem now is, most of the vehicles now must turn left crossing the bus lane and buses at Bachelors Walk cross vehicle lane. Traffic coming from North Circular Road and Phibsboro direction must also cross the bus lane to get onto vehicle lane on the Quays. There are now over twenty of these crossing, it's no longer an effective bus lane.



There is a simple solution, switch the lanes, put the vehicle lane near the building side and the bus lane on the outer lane (contraflow), now the motor vehicles and buses are no longer obstructing each other.

Tom Newton 086 3127464

## Lucan Girl Guides



Are you aged between 10 – 14 years?

Lucan Girl Guides meet every Wednesday evening in the Village, offering an exciting programme of fun activities, friendship and life skills.

If this sounds like something that would interest you, contact: [lucanguides@gmail.com](mailto:lucanguides@gmail.com) for more information.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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



**Tai Chi:** As part of Active South Dublin #beactive programme we have been running a FREE 6 week Tai Chi class since Thursday 26th September. It runs from 1pm every Thursday and is open to over 55s. Come and join us and maybe stay for a cup of tea after!

**Local Policing Forum:** We look forward to welcoming the public meeting for the Ronanstown Garda station Local Policing Forum to the centre on 17 October at 7pm. All are welcome for this opportunity to ask questions of SDCC management and local Garda leadership.

**Afro-Latin Dance Fitness:** Our Afro-Latin Dance Fitness Class kicks off on Tuesday 8 October at 7pm. 5 classes cost 50 euro, or a single class costs 12 euro. If you are interested, please contact the Centre for more information.

**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.

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. There

is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs but there is no charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

We would like to thank Age and Opportunity and funder Sport Ireland for their grant under the national Grant Scheme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People.



An Overview & Recap on

MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

# WHAT IS DEMENTIA?

**DEMENTIA CARE**  
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

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# POLITICAL NOTES

## **Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael**

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### **2023 – 2025 3-year Tree Maintenance**

**programme:** Last week, I updated you on estates where tree maintenance is allocated, the remaining estates allocated into 2025 are as follows Ballyowen Road (Larkfield to Fonthill Road), Castle Road, Dodsborough Road & Cottages, Elm, Esker Meadow, Esker Woods, Esker Lodge, Foxford and Ballyowen Lane, Hermitage Valley - Rear of Houses, Hermitage Park, Lucan Road (Ballydowd to Woodies), Meile an Ri, Newcastle Road/R120 (inc Lucan Harries car park), Sarsfield Park, St. Loman's Road (L1042) and Ballyowen Road, Tor an Ri, Woodview Heights, Willsbrook Estate and Road, and Westbury

**Millbank:** I've raised the issue of the lack of parking for residents at Millbank with Fingal County Council and will update you when I receive a report.

## **Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit**

Phone: 085 7211574. Email: [gino.kenny@oir.ie](mailto:gino.kenny@oir.ie)

**Budget 2025. Alternative Budget:** This week People Before Profit published our alternative budget. If you would like to view the document log on to [bbp.ie](http://bbp.ie)

**Joint Committee on Drug Use:** Last week representatives from the Irish Prison Service were before the JCDU. In their statement they noted that eighty percent of inmates that are currently in the prison system have a variety of addiction issues. The committee will issue its interim report in the next number of weeks.

## **Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael**

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**Budget 2025:** Following the Budget 2025 announcement, work is well underway on our comprehensive Post Budget Guide. This guide will serve as a key resource for anyone looking to understand their rights and entitlements under the new budget. To pre-order your copy, please email your name and address with the subject line 'Know Where You Stand' to [emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie) and I will ensure you receive a copy as soon as its printed.

Alternatively, feel free to phone my office on 01 618 3013 and we will take your details.

**Taoiseach Visits Liffey Valley:** Additionally, it was a pleasure to welcome Taoiseach Simon Harris to Liffey Valley Shopping Centre on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It was great to meet with so many Lucan residents and experience the warm reception extended to the Taoiseach during his visit.

## **Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent**

“Not just at election time” Tel: 087-2752489.

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

**A giveaway budget with no vision:** Aside from measures like discouraging vaping among kids and the last of the energy bill grants (with prices beginning to drop), this budget read like the last days of the Celtic Tiger in 2006/7. A global crash may not be close this time, hopefully, but the surplus was spread out haphazardly with no targeted plan to make housing affordable, increase supply with facilities alongside, improve public transport services or resource Gardai to make our streets safer.

It was a once-off and, as the Fiscal Advisory Council warned, also likely to increase costs. The non-energy rate of inflation is at 4% so whatever people gain this year they will likely have to spend next year. I will be analysing in more detail and making suggestions for alternatives on my website shortly.

## **Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil**

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**Sports Pavilion Programme:** I'm pleased to see the commencement of the Pavilion Programme for parks in Lucan. Having advocated for the expansion of the original programme, which focused solely on Griffeen Park, I'm happy to share that new units will now be provided in both Willsbrook Park and on the AGP side of Griffeen Park. These pavilions will be delivered through a modular build programme, helping to avoid delays that were encountered during the previous tendering process. The projects have entered the planning phase under Part 8, which includes a public consultation period running until 9 November. The facilities are badly needed, and I know many are looking forward to their installation. You can view the proposals at [consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie).

**Email newsletter:** You can view the latest edition of my Community Update Newsletter at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-october-2024-community-update/>.

If you would like to subscribe, please email me.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €9,000

The Numbers were **4, 9, 24, 26**

**The lucky dip prizes go to** Dave Marten, Ruth McKenna, Alison

Delahunty, Carol Hickey, Deirdre Stapleton

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €9,400.

The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors.

### Fundraiser in honour of Saoirse O'Driscoll

We had a great day in the Club last Saturday for a special Fundraising Day in memory of Saoirse O'Driscoll from Lucan, who sadly passed away at just 13 years old this April.

Saoirse's dad and four friends are gearing up for the 'World's Toughest Row' this December, a 5,000km row across the Atlantic Ocean in her memory. They are raising funds for two amazing charities: Heart Children Ireland and The Children's Heart Centre at Crumlin Children's Hospital, both close to Saoirse's heart.

Please support this incredible cause. The row is fully self-funded, so 100% of donations will go directly to the charities.

Follow their journey on Instagram

@teampowerof1 or visit

[www.teampowerof1.com](http://www.teampowerof1.com)

Donations can be made also to

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/teampowerof1>

### Camogie

Hard luck to our Senior Camogie team in their championship semi-final last Sunday. With the match level at the end of normal time it went to extra time. The girls battled hard but unfortunately fell short by two points to the strong St Vincent's side.

### Hurling

It was a crucial weekend for our adult hurlers

with all five teams involved in key championship games. We secured four good wins, while the Junior Cs were unfortunate to lose by just 2 points to Ranelagh Gaels in their quarter-

final and they bow out of the championship despite a very battling performance. The Seniors, Junior As and Junior Bs all progress to the semi-



finals, while the Intermediates secured their status for next year with a win over Ballyboden in the relegation play-off. See match reports below.

Next weekend is the final round of Group games in the Minor hurling championship with our three teams all in contention to progress.

### Social

Tickets are now on sale for our **Annual**

**Christmas Gala.** Contact Maggie Mulqueen (087 286 6581) or Sara Hickey (086 818 7070) for more information.

**The Cúpla Focal club** is back next Monday the 9th of September. These classes are free of charge and will run every Monday from 8-9pm.

(Voluntary donations to Nagarhope welcome).

This is a great opportunity to practice and learn to speak Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Contact [cuplafocalclub@gmail.com](mailto:cuplafocalclub@gmail.com) for more information

## 25 Card Draw

**Date:** Friday 11th October until 9th May 2025

**Time:** 8.00pm Sharp

**Prize:** 1st €50 (if 12 or more players),

2nd prize if 3 or more tables

**Entry:** €5 per player

**Venue:** Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar)

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information



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



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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



### Buachaillí F8 - Peil

“NGÓ ar an ionsaí ar maidin”. Cluiche agus cath iontach arís ag na buachaillí F8 inniu. Do thug na leaid taispeántas sármhaith in aghaidh Réaltaí na hÉireann. Féach cé chomh hálainn a bhí an suíomh - Fernhill Park and Gardens - go n-éirí go geal libh!



### BF13 - Cluiche Iománaíochta

Bhí cluiche iontach ag na buachaillí F13 i bPáirc Ghrifín i gcoinne Na Sáirséalaigh inniu. Ag leath ama, bhíodar 2 chúl taobh thiar, ach níor chuir sé sin isteach nó amach orthu. Bhí siad lán do mholadh dá chéile agus tháinig siad amach réidh don troid sa dara leath. D'oibrigh siad thar barr lena chéile go deireadh an chluiche agus léirigh siad an-scil go deo. D'éirigh leo 4 chúl agus 4 phointe a fháil sa dara leath! An scór ag an deireadh ná NGÓ 5-6, Na Sáirséalaigh 1-8.

Bhí sé ar fheabhas a bheith ar an taobh líne ag breathnú ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag an bhfoireann seo. Go raibh maith agat Luke óna BF12, as ucht teacht agus imirt linn. Maith sibh gach duine!



### Cailíní F13 - Camogie

Throid na cailíní F13 go crua sa ghaoth láidir inné in aghaidh Naomh Oilibhéar Pluincead. Bhí an cóitseálaí Ciarán ag tabhairt leideanna ag leath ama, is lá scoile gach lá!

### Buachaillí F12 - Peil

Taispeántas láidir eile ón BF12, i gcluiche iomaíoch peile lenár gcomharsana i Na Chloigthishe Cluain Dolcáin. Thosaigh an cluiche le scór luath ó Chluain Dolcáin, ach ba ghearr go bhfuair NGÓ smacht ar an gcluiche ....chun tosaigh 3-6 go 1-3 ag leath ama. Bhí an dara leath chomh maith, cé nach raibh sé chomh saor scórála, do NGÓ a choinnigh smacht ar an gcluiche, ag slad amach na buaiteoirí sa deireadh 3-10 in aghaidh 2-3

*Another strong display from the BF12 in a competitive game of football with our neighbours in Round Towers Clondalkin.*

*The game began with an early score from Clondalkin, but NGÓ soon took control of the match....leading 3-6 to 1-3 at half time.*

*The second half, although not as free scoring, was as good for NGÓ who kept control of the game, eventually running out winners 3-10 to 2-3*



### Buachaillí F10 - Peil

Bhí cúpla cluiche Peile den chéad scoth ag na buachaillí F10 in aghaidh Naomh Marcas ag a deireadh seachtaine.

Faillte mhór roimh Yan a d'imir a chéad chluiche do Na Gaeil Óga agus buíochas mór le Ben, Fionn Mac & Fionn O'B ó na Bf9 a d'imir linn freisin!

### Buachaillí F9 - Peil

Taispeántas láidir eile ón BF9 i bPáirc Naomh Caitríona. Obair iontach cosanta i lár na páirce agus scóranna álainn. Tá a gcuid oibre crua le feiceáil ina gcuid imeartha anois. Maith sibh a bhuaicillí.

# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### 2024 Irish Life Dublin Half Marathon

The Irish Life Dublin Half Marathon took place in the Phoenix Park on September 22nd. 14 Lucan Harriers completed the race with Gary Farrell first male home in 1:28:38 and Anne Whelan first female home in 1:45:42 for the club.



Music, Poetry, Drama or Song .  
Register or just come along !

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### Parish Notes / Anniversaries

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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.**





## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Work is progressing in the Soiree to select the photographs that will comprise the group's exhibition which is scheduled for the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Centre.

This week we have more of Donal's photographs from the UNESCO World Heritage City of Albi in France.

Conor has been traveling again and he sent us photographs taken off the coast of La Maddalena which is the largest of the seven main islands that make up the Maddalena Archipelago, located between Corsica and Sardinia.



At home Irene was in Kilkenny and sent in photos of St. Canice's Cathedral and Kilkenny Castle. The cathedral was built between 1202 and 1285 and stands on a site that has experienced Christian worship since the 6<sup>th</sup> century. In the photograph is a 30 meters high Round Tower built in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. It is one of only three medieval round towers in Ireland that can be climbed to the top!

The castle was completed in 1260 and became the capital of a Catholic rebel movement, Confederate

Ireland, whose parliament met in Kilkenny Castle from 1642 to 1648. In 1967 Arthur Butler, 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Ormonde sold the castle, which at the time had been abandoned for thirty years, for £50 to the Castle Restoration Committee and today the castle and grounds are managed by the Office of Public Works.

*Stay safe until next week!*