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A New School Year! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

As the new academic year has shot off at the starting block already, we're all on the track again!

What an amazing summer of sporting achievements we have seen in recent weeks. The achievements reflect the huge commitment made by all concerned so that skills, relevant knowledge and resources were engaged. Every participant spoke of the great support provided by their local sporting organisations where it all began.

Congratulations to all who have recently received Leaving Certificate and college results and qualifications which were also attained as a result of years of focused and dedicated hard work. We wish each one well as they make a fresh start on a new path which will have many meanderings through life.

As the achievements that we gain arise from our priorities, it is important to consider what is actually priority at this stage in the year. There is such a fast pace to normal life currently that leisure, relaxation, family time, faith, spirituality and chilled fun can be left in the margins or fall over the edge. These aspects don't provide the same headlines marking achievements. However, they are the aspects that dig into the root of our purpose in life, our core driving values and the question of what it is all about for us in this life.

If we declare that sport, education, faith, family, friends, anything..... are important to us and yet say that we don't have time for it – it's not a chosen priority! Time will, generally be found for what is of genuine importance, although may be challenging to do so in crisis times. Apologising for not doing B because of spending that same time doing A makes no sense, as it's a matter of choice! Applying time and energy where we choose gets the consequent results! The time that we have now, we will never get back again so let us make it matter!



*Cathy Burke,
Catechist to 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 Fuel Allowance?

Fuel Allowance is a means tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to only one person in a household.

The Fuel Allowance season normally begins in late September of each year and ends in April. The 2024/2025 Fuel Allowance season starts on Monday, 23 September 2024. It will be paid for 28 weeks (until 4 April 2025).

The current rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 per week. You can choose to get the Fuel Allowance paid every week or paid in 2 instalments (lump sums).

In the 2023/2024 Fuel Allowance season, the first lump sum instalment was paid in September 2023. The second was paid in January 2024.

How to qualify for Fuel Allowance



To get Fuel Allowance you must:

Live alone (or only with certain people listed below)

Be getting a qualifying payment (unless you are 70 or over)

Satisfy a means test

How your income is assessed for Fuel Allowance

Fuel Allowance is a means-tested payment. This means that the Department of Social Protection (DSP) examines all your sources of income. Your gross weekly income must be below a certain amount to pass the means test.

You are usually accepted as passing the means test for Fuel Allowance, if you are getting a qualifying social assistance (means-tested) payment.

If you get a means-tested payment, you have already satisfied the means test and it does not need to be done again.

Social welfare payments and other income

Income from some social welfare payments and certain other sources are not counted in the means test:

All social assistance payments are not counted.

If you get a social insurance payment and your spouse or partner gets a social assistance payment, the income from the social assistance payment is not counted.

Half-rate Carer's Allowance is no longer counted (from January 2023)

Disablement Benefit is no longer counted (from January 2023)

Any maintenance received in respect of a child is not counted (from June 2024)

Compensation awards under the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme are not counted

Compensation awards to people who have contracted Hepatitis C from contaminated blood products

You can read the full list of payments that are disregarded (not counted). On our website.

How to apply for Fuel Allowance

If you apply for Fuel Allowance after the start of the Fuel Allowance season, it will not be backdated.

You do not need to reapply for Fuel Allowance each year as long as, your circumstances remain the same and you continue to get the same social welfare payment.

Information on how to apply for the Fuel Allowance is on our website or from our office.

Back to school clothing and footwear allowance – this is a means tested payment.

Applications for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

opened on 12 June 2024 and will close on 30 September 2024.

Information on how to apply is on our website.

Drama and the Spa Hotel

I wish to take this opportunity to express a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Frank Colgan and his family, to the management and staff of the Spa Hotel for allowing the community of Lucan and the neighbouring communities to avail of the great facilities of the Spa Hotel so that it was possible to stage live drama for over 40 years...such generosity is hard to come by.

I was one of the many lucky people to have had the opportunity to be a part of these plays, pantomimes, festivals and drama group. The drama and Spa Hotel went hand in hand. We had rehearsal rooms, storage space for sets and props and performance facilities. We laughed, shouted, cried, clapped, commented, socialised and most of all presented and performed a huge variety of plays written by playwrights of various nationalities and generations ... these were amazing times. We stayed alive and kicking despite big screen TVs, multi television channels, Netflix etc...

I remember the 'critique' sessions after the plays, the meeting of neighbours and friends over a meal or a drink before and after the performances ...the great parking facilities, the simple but exciting raffles!!! (Frank Colgan always donated prizes).

I want to mention wonderful actors such as Joan and Ewan o Flynn, Denis Malone. Marie Cowley, Sheila Corrigan, Dave Murray. Kathleen Lynch Simon Ryan, Michael Dowling, Dorothy Clarke, John ? (all deceased)and many more for whom I had great respect and who amazed us all with their ability to play extremely diverse roles...I recall the hard working directors, sound and lighting engineers, costume designers...very often the director was all of these and more...We learned as we went along....Thousands over the years saw our plays , cheered us on, gave positive critiques which we welcomed, supported our charities, and most of all came back season after season to the 'majestic' Spa Hotel to watch our productions.

We participated in festivals, won prizes, worked with professional directors, raised money for charities...but above all we participated in live drama in all capacities, which enriched our lives beyond words....I, personally, thank the Colgan Family, staff and management of the Spa Hotel for facilitating this enrichment of the

Lucan community by simply allowing us to use their facilities whenever we wanted for many, many years.

Thank You Frank for your wonderful generosity and support....I wish you all the best and success in your future plans for the Spa Hotel

Bernie Edgeworth

Palmerstown Camera Club – New Season!

Looking for a great new hobby?
How about Photography?



Palmerstown Camera Club is starting up again on **September 4th** and every Wednesday from 8pm in Palmerstown Parish Centre. New Members are always welcome.

We are also starting a **Beginners Course** for 6 weeks from Wednesday 2nd October at 7pm-8pm. Phone cameras also suitable. This course is free with your annual membership fee of €125 for the year September to May.

We run talks, workshops, outings, annual weekend away and competitions at 3 different levels (Novice, Intermediate and Advance).

Come along and check us out for free on one or two Wednesdays in September and see if you would like to join and also do our Beginners Course.

Check us out on Facebook/ Instagram
Palmerstown Camera Club

MARYMOUNT
CARE CENTRE

'FALLS PREVENTION FOR EVERYONE'
WHAT IMPROVEMENTS CAN WE
MAKE?

DEMENTIA CARE
INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Marymount's Dementia Care Team
welcomes Aileen Hetherington (RCSI
Falls Prevention Project Manager)
for a talk about falls and falls prevention.

**THURSDAY
5TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

EDUCATION CENTRE
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE
7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM

**BOOK
NOW**

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Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am.

*****Normal Sunday and Weekday Mass times resume from Sunday 8th September.**

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



St. Mary's Readers' Roster September 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 September 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. Meetings will recommence after the summer break next Monday 2nd September. 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 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 Sr. Geraldine through 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.

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Coffee Dock open after daily Masses!

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

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. Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Recent Deaths

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Michael Wade**, Esker Glebe, and to the husband, family and friends of **Jean Fox**, Foxborough. *May they rest in peace.*



Medjugorje Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lucan
Monday 9th September
Mass 6.15pm
Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on **Monday 9th September at 7:15pm** 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 whether their death was recent or not.

Anam Cara ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening

Anam Cara are holding an ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening on **Tuesday 3rd of September at 7pm**. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A. Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU, Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, Training and facilitation expert.

To Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9121212121>

Contact Numbers: Office 01 4045378

Web Address www.anamcara.ie

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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.



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:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie


Normal Weekday Masses resume from Monday 9th September.

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

<p>Faith Formation Group/Classes for Children & Teens (age 6-17)</p>	<p>Book early to avoid disappointment!</p>	
<p>IT'S FREE!</p>	<p>Starting on Saturday 14 September At 4.45p.m. In Divine Mercy Church Lucan South Parish</p>	
<p>Children/Teens interact in groups sorted by age, e.g. 6-10, 11-13, etc. Groups are facilitated by adults who are parents and parish volunteers.</p>	<p>Learn through: Discussion, online child friendly /age appropriate stories from Bible, song, art, colouring.</p>	
<p>Your children would really love this group! IT'S A GEM!</p> <p>I have experienced the fun, energy, lively discussion, and great learning tools for children and leaders to get to know God who loves us and is with us always. I recommend participation, very highly, as it offers support to children and parents for whom faith is a value. ALL ARE WELCOME! (Cathy Burke, Catechist in Lucan Partnership of Parishes)</p>		
<p>Children from all Lucan parishes are welcome. Registration on arrival. Information available at catechism-lucansouth@gmail.com</p>		

Birthday Remembrances

Mary (May) O Neill *100th Heavenly Birthday.*

In Millbank Lucan, Mary's story began
Daughter of Paddy and Mary, her clan.
In the convent's halls, her young heart grew.
Learning, loving, with skies ever blue.
St Mary's Church saw her first holy grace.
In Clondalkin Parish, her faith found its place.
A bride to Bernard, a soldier so true.
Their bond was a love that forever knew.
Twelve little blessings they brought to this earth,
Ten grew strong a testament to her worth.
In Weirview they started, then Dodsboro's calm.
A home full of laughter, her guiding palm.
Through the years she stayed, into her nineties
she shone, matriarch, a legacy brightly sewn.
Now in her 100th, though she is up above,
We wish her peace wrapped in God's love.
Rest in glory mam, with the angels' song,
Your life was a blessing your memory strong.
In heavens embrace, may you find your due,
Happy Birthday mam, we remember you.
*Also remembering our dad Bernard (Benny),
brother Bernard, sisters Mary and
Margaret Mary.
The O Neill family.*



Maureen Lally *30th August*

Heavenly birthday wishes for a dear Mother and
Grandmother.
Today is filled with memories
With happiness and tears
Of Birthday celebrations
We've shared throughout the years.
And though I'll always miss you
The endless joy you brought
Warms my heart with gratitude
And fills my every thought.
Wherever you are resting
I hope that you can see
How precious and uplifting
Your memory is to me.
Happy birthday Mam, dearly loved & greatly
missed.
*Love from Alison, Andy, Ruth, Craig, Alisha &
Caden*

Maureen Lally

14th birthday away from home.
Thinking of you today Mam
but that is nothing new.
For no day dawns and no day ends without a
thought of you.
Happy Birthday mam.
*Your loving daughter - Debbie, son in law Peter
and grandchildren Niamh, Karla and Aine xxxxx*



Anniversaries

Barry John Fitzgerald

First anniversary away from home
We miss your voice, your laugh and your
ridiculous jokes, but mostly we miss you for just
being you.
*Lots of love your children Katie and Jordan,
Isobel and Aoife, and two grandchildren Owen
and Maya, Elaine and Laura xx*

Georgina (Gina) Bolger

Third Anniversary. Late of AGP, Lucan. In loving
memory of our beautiful, beloved Daughter and
Sister Georgina Bolger whose third anniversary
occurs 30th August 2024. Also remembering at
this sad time, our beloved Dad Shamie Bolger
whose third anniversary occurs 16th December
2024. Rest in Peace.

God called your names 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 rest,
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

Not a day goes by we don't think of you both.
*Always in our thoughts and prayers, no one could
fill the void you both left, very sadly missed and
always remembered by Mam (Philly) and
Brothers James, Johnny, and families.*

Robert (Bobby) McCabe

44th Anniversary on 24th August 2024.
Late of Sarsfield Park.
*Sadly missed and loved always by
Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their
families.*

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside
us every day."

Seán Cyril McHugh

7th Anniversary, 3rd September.
Always remembered
Never Forgotten
*Loving wife Mary, family and 16 grandchildren
xxx*

Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Mass and Blessing of Graves
takes place **this Sunday 1st September at 3pm**

Thank You

A big Thank you to Chadwicks of Lucan
For the loan of trestles for this Sunday's
Cemetery Mass in Esker. *Billy*

A Reader writes.....

My German Shepherd, Holly and I are regular Lucan walkers. It has come to our attention that Lucan has a new neighbourhood 'friend'.



Last week, we happened across a crime scene in our back garden, the evidence was just feathers. From our security footage we witnessed the cold blooded killer and its' prey, before it left us for pastures new, leaving just the blanket of white and grey plumes for a parting gift.

On a recent walk in Beech Park we learned of his possible den, where he or she can be heard inviting ladies to come party.

A trip to Circle K tells of remnants of a duck in Lucan Village.

So Holly and I ask you, have you seen the Lucan Fox? If so, let us know, as we are on the case!

Katherine Thomas

Thank You to the Lucan Festival Group

To all my friends in the Lucan Festival Group, I wish to express my deepest gratitude for your wonderful kind and thoughtful gesture of the engraved silver platter for my years of voluntary service on the committee. To say I was surprised is an understatement, it literally left me speechless on the night. It has been both a great honour and privilege to work with you all and keep our beautiful Lucan community spirit alive through our Lucan festival.

As I mentioned above, I was speechless at the presentation, so I am taking this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks and appreciation for the very thoughtful gift you gave me. I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of my time with the committee, and all the lovely people who I met down through the years.

Special thanks go to Joe Byrne, chairperson, and the other members of the committee Anne, John, Daragh, Paul and Joe.

I hope I cross paths with each of you in the very near future.

My sincere thanks to every one of you.
Joe Malone.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our weekly meetings will resume on Thursday 5th September after the summer break. 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.

Minder & Toddler Group

Starting back in
St. Mary's Parish Centre
on **Thursday 12th September**
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**



All Welcome!

Shalom World

Shalom World is a media apostolate based in Portlaoise, Co. Laois, which actively supports the dissemination of the Gospel through its various media initiatives. Bishop Denis Nulty is the patron of Shalom Media in Ireland.

Adhering to the teachings of the Catholic Church, Shalom World, believes in the transformative power of media to spread God's love, peace and truth, to every corner of the globe. Through its broadcasts, publications, and digital platforms, they strive to uplift, inspire, and encourage individuals in their faith journey. Shalom World TV channel has something for everyone, from toddlers, children, teenagers and adults of all ages. We need a trusted source of Catholic Media today, to help our children and youth to come to know 'the Truth' that will set them free (Jn 8:32).

During the upcoming weekend Masses, representatives from Shalom World will be here in this parish to introduce the ministry in detail and to make a donation appeal in order to advance their mission in Ireland. This is a high-cost project which needs our help for it to come to fruition. To know more, please visit:
shalomworld.org | shalomtidings.org

Lucan Senior Citizens - Club re-opening in St. Mary's Parish Centre, on **Wednesday 11th September, 10.30 – 12.30.** We are looking forward to seeing all our embers back safe and well after the holidays. New members are always welcome. Just call in for a chat and a cuppa!



ack after the break! Birdie and crew are up and running after a relaxing holiday, and looking forward to this year's Lucan Festival – lovely to see the colourful bunting up around the village.

Good luck to all involved!

Congratulations to all our Leaving Certs!

We've heard great reports from all the local schools. We wish you well as you discover your path in life.

An Ice Cream Trailer/Stand in the Village!

We spotted it in recent planning applications to SDCC. **SD24A/0197 16 Aug 2024.**

Location: 8A, The Mall, Main Street, Lucan.

The trailer/ stand will be positioned in the outdoor area between the existing retail unit frontage and the boundary wall on Main Street, Lucan.



It just dawned on us that there is nowhere to get an ice cream in that part of the village since Carey's closed.....



No Right Turn means 'No Right Turn'!

How frustrating it is to be stuck behind a driver insisting on turning right when exiting Esker Church car park. Would it never occur to them that they are holding everyone behind up, when all they have to do is go left and take the round-about at Supervalu to proceed with their journey. Birdie has his eye on them!

Sharpen them shears! From this weekend, after 31st August, we can all get out there and start cutting the hedges again – the nesting season is done for this year!

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin CCE Lucan.

Traditional Irish Music

We are delighted to announce our return to having a presence in Lucan again. We will be providing classes for all ages and levels (subject to demand) in Tin Whistle, Flute, Banjo, Fiddle. Button Accordion, Concertina, Bodhrán and Piano (vamping, trad tunes and accompaniment). A mixed instrument adult class is also offered for those who are quite rusty in an instrument they used to learn.



Registration/enrolment takes place in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road, Lucan at 7pm on Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 10th September. Classes will begin on the 17th. For more information visit www.lucancomhaltas.com or email lucan@comhaltas.net or visit us at the Lucan Festival across from the main stage.

How Metro Dart will benefit Lucan

Lucan Planning Council and ACRA (the body representing Residents Associations) are coming together to launch a fresh look at Public Transport that hugely benefits the people of Lucan.

The plan includes a rail service direct to Dublin Airport from all parts of Ireland with rail access. This is very achievable by linking up existing rail from Glasnevin to Donabate via airport and Swords. This is the missing link.

A Luas for Lucan is included in the plan.

Come and check it out for yourself. We are launching at the Lucan Festival on 8th September on the village Green.

See you there!

*Caitríona McClean PRO and Tom Newton
Transport Officer.
Lucan Planning Council & ACRA*

Calling out to Musicians!

St Finian's Folk Group is looking for musicians to join our group.



We are an adult folk group based in Newcastle. We sing at 10am Mass every second Sunday and we practice on Tuesday night from 8pm-9pm. If you are interested in joining us, or if you would like to have a chat to get more information, we would love to hear from you.

Please ring Emer on 0872733846



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Leaving Certificate results

A massive well done to our Leaving Certificate class of 2024 on receiving their results last Friday. The results were absolutely fantastic. The whole community of St. Joseph's are very proud of you all and wish you all every success in the

First year welcome



This week we welcomed our new first years the school. All 148 of the students met their new teachers, tutors, classmates through a number of fun activities and games. We hope each and every one of them enjoy the next six years and their journey through Joey's.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Adult Education

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

The following subjects are available this term:

[Spanish for Beginners](#)

[Introduction to Microsoft Word](#)

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

[Intercultural Awareness](#)

[Business English](#)

[Improving English and Communication Skills](#)

[Digital Media](#)

[Reception & Frontline Office Skills](#)

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

[Payroll](#)

For more details, contact

lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

Or call (01) 6283557.



Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

www.celbridgemillcommunitycentre.ie

E: celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com

Phone 01 6288556

Christmas Fair at The Mill – Sunday 24th

November: Crafts and Festive decorations

required and outdoor food vendors (€40.)

Stands €40. Supported by KCC / LPT.

Contact the centre for details

Adults Casual Table Tennis – Fridays 7pm

Pickle Ball – The new Indoor Racquet sport.

A hybrid sport that encompasses badminton, table- tennis, and tennis. Why not come down and try it out? Please contact reception.

Mondays / Thursdays / Fridays 10am

Mother and Baby morning meetings Thursdays

at 10.30am – Contact 0852280692

Indoor Short Mat Bowls Thursdays at 7pm –

Contact Des at 087 2769953

Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge

Kate Walsh House at The Mill

Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

Mon 2nd - Wed 4th

A Murder on Chapel Hill

A drama of the trial of the two men accused of murdering Dr McCann in 1807.

Courtesy 8pm. Tickets €12 show, €35 including dinner.

Tues 3rd

Walking Tour of Historic Lucan Village

10am, bus stop opp. Card K **FREE**

Rev Dr J A H Irwin (1876-1954)

Presbyterian Minister and

Republican

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

8pm, Presbyterian Church. **FREE**

Tue 3rd - Thur 5th

Chess Tournament

Ballyroon Community Centre, 7pm

Wed 4th/Fri 6th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Thur 5th

Walking Tour of Historic Lucan Village

10am, St Marys car park. **FREE**

Lucan Spas and Hotels

1924-2024

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

8pm Presbyterian Church. **FREE**

Lucan Festival 2nd - 8th September 2024

Sunday 8th from 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Garda Open Day

Station open to the public from 2pm.

Garda Band, fingerprinting, Garda Horses, see the Cells, Garda Water Unit.

Historical display of Garda Memorabilia

Local groups and business's stalls

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kennys)

Pet Farm (Village Green), Puppet Show (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carrolls Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Rock Stage at Staggs

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Historical and Model Railway Exhibition in St Andrews Parish Centre

World renowned Duck Race on the Griffioen at 4.30pm

Birds of Prey, Magical Shows

International and Irish food Stalls

Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

This is our Family Fun Day

The Village will be closed to through traffic from Ardceevin

To the Permanent TSB from 10am to 7pm

Most events are free

Fri 6th

See the fantastic fireworks display at Weir View

from approx 5pm **FREE**

Liffey Sound 96.4FM outside broadcast

Sat 7th

Lucan House Grounds (1 to 5pm)

No longer the Italian Ambassador's residence, now recently purchased by South Dublin County Council who have given us permission to hold our food mixing day in the grounds.

See the magnificent Lucan House, built 1772.

Sarsfield's Monument, Baking Flour and early 1700s stables.

Vespa/Cadbury cemetery, dating from 1738.

Children and adults entertainment (dancers and birds, choir and music).

Sample international food from around the world.

See the wonderful Bogfala Sculpture (donated by the Italian state).

Tickets €6 at Gate. Children 12 and under free. Cash or card.

Exhibition

*Historical and model railway exhibition, St Andrews Parish Centre, 2pm - 5.30pm **FREE***



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCAN

Autumn 2024 Classes & Events

WCI Lucan is excited to announce our line-up of courses and events for autumn 2024! We offer a variety of classes designed to empower and support women in our community. Whether you are interested in creative arts, wellness, or social engagement, there is something for everyone.

Upcoming Classes Include:

Painting & Art Classes: Unleash your creativity every Tuesday morning starting 1st October at Ballyowen Community Centre. (€15 for materials)

Holistic Woman: An 8-week program starting 1st October focused on self-discovery and achieving personal goals. (Ballyowen Community Centre)

Mixed Arts & Crafts: Explore your creative side with this class at Adamstown Community Centre, starting 1st October. (€15 for materials)

Yoga (Intermediate & Beginners): Find balance and serenity with our 7-week Yoga courses starting 2nd October at Ballyowen Community Centre. (€30 per term)

Crafty Byrds: Join us for ceramics, tea, and chats every Thursday starting 3rd October at Ballyowen Community Centre. (€15 for materials)

Registration Morning: Mark your calendars! Join us for our Registration Morning on **Monday, 9th September 2024** from **10:00 am - 1:00 pm** at Ballyowen Community Centre. This is your chance to sign up for our exciting courses, meet the team, and find out more about what we do. For more information, visit our website at www.womenscollective.ie or contact us at **083 860 7947 / lucan@womenscollective.ie**.

Bayside Alpha

are hosting on Zoom Bishop Barron's 6 week film series 'Conversion - Following the Call of Christ', starting on Sunday the 15th of September from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

Bishop Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him.

To join this free course email Paul at alphabayside@gmail.com

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Oct 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510

or website www.med-irishcentre.com

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com



**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 for more information.

Music at Lucan Library

*Stephen Fagan and
Claire Sherry*

Monday 2nd September
2pm to 3pm

ALL WELCOME!

A dip in the archives..... More from 2004!

25th July: **St. Edmundsbury Rezoning**

The motion tabled this week to head off any attempt to rezone the lands in the Liffey Valley at St. Edmundsbury was passed on Tuesday. It is a relief to see that the present councillors accept the value of these lands.”

25 July: “Sad to see the roof being taken off the lovely bungalow opposite St. Mary’s Church, to make way for apartments. It was a lovely house and the garden was so meticulously kept that it was a joy at all seasons” (*Birdie*).

12th Sept: “..... from the property pages of the Sunday Independent on Sunday last. It was an advertisement of houses at Esker anon – near the Griffeen Valley Park..... and it shows a map of the area saying ‘it is very close to the proposed Luas line’..... It even shows where the Luas will go, crossing the Lucan By-Pass from Esker Lane and then crossing the Newcastle Road north of the N4 junction (the Village/Superquinn Road)..... the first we’ve heard of the Luas serving the area” (*Birdie*).

5th Dec: “**Swimming Pool**

I again tackled the Minister about the delay in providing the swimming pool for Lucan. He pointed out that there was no application from the council, but did not acknowledge that his Department’s guidelines ensured that this did not happen before the funding deadline.” *From Paul Gogarty T.D. notes*

Lucan Drama

In April, the group presented **The Loves of Cass McGuire**, to great acclaim in the Spa Hotel. Directed by Niall Cassidy, all the familiar names involved were John Carabini, Agnes McMahan, Sheila Corrigan, Joe Parsons and Denis Malone, and Cass herself was played by Bernie Edgeworth.

In November, the group presented **The Year of the Hiker** by John B Keane, in the Spa Hotel – another great success.

24th Oct: **SDCC Tidy Districts Awards 2004**

Lucan swept the boards at this year’s awards..... representatives from Lucan Community Council were there to pick up awards for Best Village, which was none other than Lucan! They were presented with a cheque for €400 and a certificate....”

Other awards went to Cherbury Park, Sarsfield Park, Arthur Griffith Park, Ball Alley House, Lucan Shopping Centre, Finnstown Centre and Finnstown Country House Hotel.



From Sarsfield Park, John Tully (No.5), and Phil Burchael (No.55), both received prizes of €60 vouchers for their beautiful gardens.



17th Oct: “**And they’re off.....**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the 19th and 20th October, Fr. Joe and the Parish Finance Committee will fire the starting gun for the fundraising for the Parish Church.... The hope is that the Canvass will be a quick and intense blast of activity. Don’t forget that there are 4,000 households in St. Marys: we will be contacting all of them.”

Note: This was to raise funds for the huge job carried out in St. Mary’s in 2005.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto: We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,000. The Numbers were 1, 6, 12, 15. The lucky dip prizes go to Elizabeth Eastwood, Colm Farrell, Paul O'Farrell, Deirdre Sadlier, Kathleen Roche.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,400. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Frank Fleming.

Social



The Clarke family from Lucan, Ontario in Canada paid a visit to the club to watch the Junior A hurling championship.



After the match, two of our club "elders", Paul Heneghan and Joe Byrne, made a presentation to the family to mark their visit and the connection between two towns more than 5000kms apart. Pictured below: Martin Clarke, Joanne Clarke, Paul Heneghan, Joe Byrne & Laura Clarke.

The Cupla Focal Club will be back in our function room every Monday 8-9pm from the 9th of September. This is a great opportunity to learn Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. All welcome. Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com for more information.

Our own Emer Keenan was invited to Croke Park for the All-Ireland Camogie finals as they honoured all past winning captains. Emer captained Dublin to a Junior All Ireland in 2018

and has done trojan work over the years for both club and county. It was a great achievement for her to be recognised. Pictured below after the parade with Louise Flynn and Maeve McGuire.

Football: Hard luck to the Senior Footballers who lost out to Raheny in their second round of championship. Lucan 1-10, Raheny 2:16

Ladies Football: Well done to their Intermediate Ladies' Footballers in their win against Ballinteer St Johns last Wednesday. This leaves the team top of their group table with two championship wins from two.

Camogie: Well done to our Minor B camogie team in their win over St Vincents with a score line of 2:08 – 1:02. A great start to championship for the girls. Proudly sponsored by Adrain Dunne Pharmacy Lucan.

Hurling (weekend 17th Aug)

Championship action resumed after the short summer break this weekend and we had three teams in action. The seniors had a two-point win over St Brigid's, the Junior As lost to St Peregrines by the same margin while the Junior Bs recorded a very comprehensive win over Kilmacud Crokes. Our Intermediates had a bye this weekend, and our Junior Bs received a walkover. All our teams remain in contention to progress after three rounds of the group stages.

Planning Permission

Planning permission for a new ball wall and the extension of our juvenile pitch into a full-size all-weather pitch has been submitted to South Dublin County Council. Planning permission has been posted at the entrance, exit and turn into the clubhouse. Lots of hard work and fundraising over the years has gotten us to this stage in our development plans. A special word of appreciation to Colm Farrell who has worked tirelessly to get these plans submitted.

County

With the juvenile county competitions in full flow, we have had several club players involved across several age groups and codes. (see below for full list of names) Well done to all involved.
U14 Camogie – Caoimhe Buckley, Meabh Maloney & Sofia Dowdall
U14 Hurling - Tomás McSweeney, Victor Adanikin & Johnny Donovan
U15 Camogie – Ciara Bresnan, Grace Birch, Erin Hynes, Sadhbh Ní Mháirtín & Holly Armstrong
U15 Hurling Development – Derry Ware, Henry Greene & Jack McCarthy
U16 Hurling Development – Bill Donovan & Jack Mills

SPORTS



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Celbridge 5k August 22nd

A fast flat course awaited those participating in the Celbridge 5k, an initial 2km slight decline with a 2km slight incline finishing on the Celbridge AC grass track. Sky Blue T-shirts were available for the first 250 participants.

A cold, 12 degrees, and very wet night was on offer with Storm Lillian certainly making her presence felt. Warm up was swift, as participants chose to wait for as long as possible in the warm and inviting clubhouse before bracing the elements.

The race commenced at 8pm near the club house, heading out along the Clane Road, with a gradual continual descent towards Celbridge Abbey, and a sharp left up Church Road where the incline started. Runners were cheered on along the way by some hardy spectators, donning rain coats and wellies dodging the rising puddles. Making a left at Scoil na Mainistreach along Shackleton Road, the final Km returned along the Clane Road towards the Club house for a final lap of the grass club track. Goodies were on offer in the clubhouse after the race for the water logged participants.



Ciara Rooney



Lucan Harriers was very well represented, with 16 runners completing the race, many of those secured impressive PBs. Ciara Rooney, one of our newest Fit4life club members participated in her first ever Road race and secured an impressive PB, readying her for the imminent Harriers 5 mile race!! And finally, thank you to Celbridge AC for an enjoyable Thursday night's racing.

Sunday, 1st September 2024
Register: [Myrunresults.com](https://myrunresults.com)

FIAT

Fiat Lucan Harriers
5 Mile Race

Early Bird €22 (Until July 31st)
Virtual €20
Full online Price €25

T-Shirts for first 500 entries

Incorporating the Dublin 5 Mile Championship

LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB



**Lucan Bridge Club will
reopen on
September 4th
In Springfield Hotel.
7.30 start.**

We look forward to seeing our members again
for an enjoyable Bridge season

New members will be warmly welcomed!



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.

Cailíní F15

Bua iontach do na Cailíní F15 ina gcéad chluiche den chraobh. Maith sibh!



Craobh Peil

Tá an chraobh faoin lán seoil anois agus an-díograis go deo á léiriú ag na foirne ar fad, go háirithe Foireann B Pheil na bhFear atá le feiceáil sna pictiúir seo!

Míle buíochas le @seantom as na grianghraif iontacha a thógáil den fhoireann agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Chumann Naomh Bríd cúpla seachtain ó shin



Ar aghaidh linn agus Na Gaeil Óga abú!



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Kishoge Station Opens: I was delighted to attend the opening of Kishoge station on Monday 26th August. The long-awaited station marks a significant improvement for commuters in the Lucan and surrounding areas. With 40 trains running each way Monday to Friday, the station will help alleviate traffic congestion and make daily commutes more convenient for our community.

Lucan Festival 2024: It's that time of the year again, and I'm excited to be attending the Lucan Festival 2024. With events running from Monday 2nd right through to Sunday 8th September, this event is a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate. A huge well done to the Lucan Festival Committee, who work tirelessly in the lead-up to the event. I have no doubt that this year's festival will be another resounding success.

Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

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Catch-up since end of July: Have requested an extra bin at Griffeen Glen Chase entrance into park... Grass finally cut at Tullyhall Drive, but not to great spec; issues loom with relocation of depot proposed... Multiple hedge trimmings requested now that moratorium over.. Have written to Superintendent regarding enforcement of illegal parking blocking footpaths at Ballydowd... Had to dampen untrue rumours of International Protection centre at former Ben Dunne Gym (clarified by Lidl).. Made further submission regarding roadway entrance as part of Ballyowen Castle Shopping Centre planning application.. Queried delay in repair of trampoline at Hermitage Park Playground... Raised issue of rats near bus stop opposite Finstown Abbey.. Further querying speeding HGVs Newcastle Road... Kishoge train station now open with limited on-road parking, limited bus links and a lane reduction on R136 (full story on website).

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Lucan Road – I raised the issue of the need for a permanent solution along the Lucan road for a safer walking route. The issue was discussed at the July Traffic Management Meeting and the response is that cars parked on footpaths is a matter for the relevant enforcing authority, i.e. Gardai. The matter will be forwarded to the relevant Inspector to request enforcement. I will continue to raise the issue of making this route safer for children and will keep you updated on progress.

Lucan Drama – Looking forward to attending the debut of "Murder on Chapel Hill," the innovative new dramatisation of the trial for the murder of Fr. McCartan. Great to see it sold out. Well done to everyone involved!

Lucan Festival – Great launch of the festival in Kennys last week, a brilliant flavour of what to expect.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Summer, such as it was, is over and the Camera Soiree will be back in the Parish Centre next Friday all refreshed.

While the group was on holidays photos kept coming in including lots of photographs of heather on the Wicklow Mountains. The exact location of many of the photos was around Djouce (from the Irish “Dioghais” meaning “fortified height”). Some of the group remarked that they had never seen so much heather in bloom for quite some time. It would seem that the abundance this



year signifies a recovery after the very dry summers we have had in the recent past and as a consequence of the rather wet spring. The reality is that hotter, drier summers are pushing the limits of what the heather can cope with. The 2022 drought in the UK for example coincided with the middle of the heather flowering season and in some areas almost entire heather heaths failed to flower, with some plants dying.



There is also lovely photo from Joe of harvesting in St. Edmundsbury

Conor gave us a photo of the recently restored “Farmleigh Bridge” over the river Liffey. This bridge was commissioned by Edward Cecil Guinness, apparently the richest man in Ireland at the time, and was constructed by the engineering department of the Guinness Brewery between 1872 and 1880. It carried water pipes and electricity lines from the mill race turbine to the nearby Farmleigh House.

Stay safe until next week!

