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**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

## **Mind your language!**

The words which we say and those which we don't say make a difference on our own experience of life, our own effect on life and on how smoothly relationships work. Our thoughts are part of what causes our feelings with our words (expressed or living on our heads!) the bridge directing our next steps from the thoughts and feelings.

My own father refused, and refuses, to acknowledge that there was such a word as 'problem'! Instead he would say that there is a 'solution to be found' right now! Infirmities of old age have taken the gift of speech away from him along with the ability to talk out the journey towards solutions. However, he continues to function in such a manner, daily, that works to find how to live well with his disabilities and to live well with everyone whom he encounters. Carers leave his room with a smile on their faces. He uses determined resilience to make the best of every single day, experience and even infirmity. He walks quietly and sits quietly working out this phase of life to its' best form of lived experience.

Words are frequently used with brutal force on social media platforms. Often there is no regard for the possible vulnerabilities of the human being about which they are written. Such postings are also a reflection of the person of the sender! Harsh judgments are delivered outside of boundaries and context concerned. We also beat ourselves up with an inner voice whereby we condemn ourselves for an action, failure, word or behaviour that we wish had been different. We may walk with body language that nearly draws us into the ground rather than reaches up into growth and possibility!

The circumstances in which we find ourselves are sometimes beyond our control, but how we deal with them are within our control for as long as we have the capacity to think. If we can't use words, the nature of touch, a smile, our gratitude and respect for self and others can be delivered in such a manner that we and the person whom we are encountering can engage well and part company in better form. We know what it is like to receive bad news and know how important the words and expression of delivery can make all the difference to how we start the next moment onwards.

The solutions that we need to find for today, may not be the solution that bring us on a long journey, but may be part of a crazy paving that will make a link that we can't yet see! If there is one word or attitude that builds walls to sight of a way forward, or to a solution which could make today a better day, let's be conscious of them and place them down when they bounce up in front of us!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA)

is an annual once-off payment that can help with the costs of books and uniforms for school children. You may qualify for the BSCFA if you meet the income requirements. Information is on our website.

**The closing date for the scheme is Monday 30th September.**

### Part-time fee scheme for certain Undergraduate Courses

*I'm starting a part-time course in September. Can I get a student grant?*

The Student Grant Scheme is only available to students studying full-time courses.

However, if you're starting an eligible part-time undergraduate course, you may get financial support with fees under the part-time fee scheme.

The scheme is new for the 2024-2025 academic year and applies to students studying approved part-time undergraduate courses. It only offers support with fees and is not a maintenance grant.

The scheme is awarded by Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI), the same body that awards the Student Grant Scheme.

### How do I qualify for the part-time fee scheme?

Like the Student Grant Scheme, you must be studying an approved course, be progressing in education, and you can't have exceeded the maximum period of grant assistance available to you. You must also pass a means test and meet conditions around nationality and residence.

### How much can I get from the part-time fee scheme?

You get a fee contribution based on the number of credits you take during the academic year. SUSI pays the contribution directly to your college, so if your course costs more than what you're eligible for, you will have to pay the difference.

For example, if you're doing a course worth 16 credits which costs €3,000, SUSI will pay your college €2,250 (as this is what you would be eligible for), and you will pay the balance of €750.

If your course costs less than the amount you're eligible for, SUSI will pay your college directly and you don't need to do anything else. You do not receive the balance in this scenario.

### How do I apply?


You must create an account in the SUSI student portal to apply. You can read SUSI's new application form guide for help with creating an account and completing the application form.

You may receive a letter from SUSI asking you to submit documents as part of your application. You should send photocopies (not originals) of your documents to P.O. Box 869, Little Island, Cork.

Applications for the part-time fee scheme opened on 1 August 2024. The closing date for SUSI grant applications is usually early November. More information is available on our website.

### Has your package holiday been cancelled?

If the travel organiser cancels the package holiday or changes the terms of the contract, they must give you one of these options:

A replacement holiday of the same or better quality 

A lower grade holiday, with a refund of the price difference

A full refund within 14 days

Find out more about package holidays, when a travel organiser can cancel yours, and your cancellation rights if that happens on Package holidays rights.

## Lucan ICA

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September: This is our **Coffee Morning in aid of Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross**, which we support every



year. Please donate generously to this good cause.  
*Everybody welcome.  
Please come along for a cuppa and a chat!*

**Tea Hostesses:** Patricia & Mary R.

Enjoy the nice weather we're having at the moment. Kathleen has organised that we will have 10 minutes of gentle chair exercises before each meeting, to supple up – we're not getting younger, you know!

## 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

## Esker Active Retirement Association

We had our first day back after summer break, and we had a really good attendance. Lorraine led us for a fantastic Zumba class, which was really good fun, great music and also great exercise.



Others played scrabble and cards, then we broke for tea coffee and cake, which gave us all a chance to catch up on the summer news.

Next week we have a chair yoga session as well as usual activities. We welcomed some new members to our club today, anyone wishing to join in the fun come along at 1.30 next Wednesday, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan.

## Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays  
in St. Mary's Parish Ce  
from 9.30am to 11.30am.



*All Welcome!*

## 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.

## Irish Conversation!

Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am.

Starting back Wednesday  
18<sup>th</sup> September 2024, in Room 4, St. Mary's Parish Centre.

Tea and coffee for like-minded people who want to engage in conversation as Gaeilge.

All are welcome to join in for the cupán tae and cúpla focail.





# 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)

**St. Vincent de Paul Church Collection** at all masses **next Saturday/ Sunday 21st/22nd September**. Many thanks for your generosity.

### 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.

### 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.

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)

### Recent Death

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Dolores Charlton**, Esker Lawns.

*May she rest in peace.*



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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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



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## Lucan Parish PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

**MAY 11 -15, 2025**

Led by Fr Philip Curran

€795 per person sharing in double/twin room.

Full board in 4-star hotel in Lourdes



**TO BOOK:** Please call us on 057 9355050 and we can take your booking and payment (debit card only) over the phone. Or email us on: [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie) for a payment link or more information.

- Aer Lingus flights Dublin to Toulouse
- 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag
- 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Full time accompaniment
- Coach transfers in Lourdes to/from airport
- Trip to Bartres
- Organisation of a full religious programme

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

## 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)

### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

At all Masses **NEXT Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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*



## 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)

**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 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.

## Parish Cells National Seminar

Parish Cells National Seminar will be hosted in **Our Lady's Parish Centre, Leixlip** on **27th and 28th September**.

Keynote speaker will be Bishop Paul Dempsey who will also celebrate the 6pm Mass on Saturday.

This seminar is open to all and is a good way to find out about Parish Cells and their impact on individuals and parishes.

To book a place please contact Noel Thompson +353 87 7573843.

Email: [nt91637@gmail.com](mailto:nt91637@gmail.com)

Further information on the seminar log on to [www.parishcellsireland.ie](http://www.parishcellsireland.ie)

## Birthday Remembrance

### Griffin John (Johnny)

86 years - 12th September 2024

“Those we love don’t go away,  
they walk beside us every day,  
unseen, unheard, but always near,  
still loved, still missed and very dear”  
'Happy Birthday Da'.

*Still greatly missed and always  
remembered by his wife Lil, children - Anne,  
Claire, Ed and John, his brothers Joe, Eddie,  
sister Nancy and all his extended family and  
friends*

With lots of love especially from his  
grandchildren - *Saoirse, Finn and Molly who miss  
their Grandad up in heaven xxx*



## “Go and Tell”

### The Prophetic Voice of Women in and to the Catholic Church Gráinne Doherty

ZOOM – Thu 19th Sep. 2024 – 8.00 p.m.

Access meeting on [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com)

Meeting ID: 820 8310 2910

Passcode: 910816

or click the link on our website page:

<https://acireland.ie/27245-2/>

Positioned on the margins of systems of power, the prophet is identified with, on the one hand, giving voice to the pain and fragility of such systems while, on the other hand, holding out a deep hope and belief in the values of the reign of God. From their own marginalised position – and continuing the prophetic legacy of many women in both the scriptures and in church tradition – many Catholic women are a prophetic presence in today’s church.

In this rescheduled talk, Gráinne Doherty will explore both the isolation and the power of women’s prophetic witness and voice in, and to, the Catholic Church.



**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.

## Be Deaf to Negativity....

Once upon a time there was a bunch of tiny frogs who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd had gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants. The race began...

Honestly: No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. Except for the one tiny frog who after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top. You heard statements such as:

“Oh, WAY too difficult!”

“They will NEVER make it to the top.”

Or:

“Not a chance that they will succeed. The tower is too high!”

The tiny frogs began collapsing. One by one ... except for those, who in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher and higher. The crowd continued to yell, “It is too difficult!!! No one will make it!” More tiny frogs got tired and gave up.... But



ONE continued higher and higher and higher. This one wouldn’t give up! At the end everyone else had given up climbing the tower.

Except for the one tiny frog who, after a big effort, was the only one who reached the top! Then all of

the other tiny frogs naturally wanted to know how this one frog managed to do it?

A contestant asked the tiny frog how he had found the strength to succeed and reach the goal?

It turned out that the winner was DEAF!!! The wisdom of this story is: Never listen to other people’s tendencies to be negative or pessimistic, because they take you most wonderful dreams and wishes away from you – the ones you have in your heart! Always think of the power words have. Because everything you hear and read will affect your actions! Therefore: ALWAYS be POSITIVE!

And above all: Be DEAF when people tell YOU that you cannot fulfil your dreams! Always think: God and I can do this! Pass this message on to 5 “tiny frogs” you care about. Give them some motivation!!! Most people walk in and out of your life ... but FRIENDS leave footprints in your heart.

*Michael Moore  
Lucan Creative Writers  
Group*





## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: 10.30 – 12.30, Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre.  
New members welcome.

Photos from our first morning back, when the Birthday Girls were celebrating!



**Congratulations** to all involved with Lucan Festival! What a great turnout at Lucan House on Saturday, and also at the Village Family Fun Day on Sunday, and Friday

night's Fireworks were a sight to behold. The weather obliged and there was great excitement everywhere.  
Can hardly wait for next year!



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)  
Telephone: 01 253 6105  
or 085 867 1245

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



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

**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 Health Fair:** Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Lucan Health Fair. It was great to have such interest from stalls and attendees.

**Lucan Festival:** Thanks and well done to our friends in the Lucan Festival on providing a great week of events! We were delighted to be part of it and look forward to next year already!

**Irish Dancing:** We are delighted to welcome the Farrell School of Irish Dancing to the centre. Their classes started on and run from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. Students over the age of 4 are welcome.

**Walking group:** Would you like to be part of a walking group run in the centre? If so, please give us a call or an email.



**Lucan Concert Band** lent to the atmosphere on Sunday last, while the **Blissettes** did wonderful things in the Demesne on Saturday.

**The Autumn leaves** are beginning to fall – what a beautiful place we live in, at all times of the year!

**Items held over!** Due to pressure of space, we are holding a couple of items over for next week.....

## Lucan Planning Council

Metro for Lucan campaign- a very successful launch last Sunday on village green  
Our campaign for rail link direct to Dublin Airport and to all areas with rail got off to a great start at Lucan Festival with almost 100% support for the project from those who visited our stand.  
For our plan to be successful it just needs a new rail line from existing rail lines at Glasnevin to Donabate via Dublin Airport and Swords, a Metro Dart. This short rail connection (less than 20 kms) will allow all areas of Ireland both north and south with rail to have direct access to Dublin Airport. Lucan will benefit hugely because our rail line will connect up at and go directly to Dublin Airport from Adamstown and Kishogue and Clondalkin (Fonthill). As this benefits the whole country we expect great support from all areas, it is a win win for all. We want to thank the Lucan Festival for giving us the opportunity to get the campaign up and running. We want to thank those who took screen shots of the map and undertook to spread it on social media. We are taking this campaign a lot further as its a huge return on investment of less than twenty kilometers of rail along a route already approved by the NTA.

### Traffic issues locally:

1 Thanks to all who are contacting Cllrs and SDCC re Griffeen Ave roundabout solution. We are also on the doors promoting this currently and appreciate the positive response. We ask local people to use their voice and promote the solution which is in last week's Newsletter and available on line.

2 The village traffic is a hot topic at the moment and a traffic survey is needed to confirm the large numbers of vehicles avoiding the toll and making life difficult for Lucan residents. Moving the toll past the Castleknock exit where road networks have been built to take traffic volumes could be put to local politicians. The most senior is Jack Chambers, Minister for Finance whose own constituents in Laraghcon are negatively impacted also. To contact a TD on Line you need to for example write an email to Jack.

[Chambers@Oireachtas.ie](mailto:Chambers@Oireachtas.ie) and this formula applies to all TDs. You put first name, full stop and then Surname @Oireachtas.ie

Caitriona McClean 086 389 8327

Tom Newton 086 3127364.



## Esker Cemetery Mass

There was a wonderful turnout for the annual Esker Cemetery Mass.

Thank you to all who generously donated to the collection, which, after expenses for Sound System and generator, the wonderful sum of €3,492.50.00 was sent to St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown. Thank you again for such generosity.

Thank you to the Bernie and O'Sullivan families for their tireless work in putting together the altar. Also, the staff of South Dublin County Council Environment Department, who had the Graveyard in such pristine condition

Thank you to Mary our sacristan, Damien, our Choir, our Ministers of the Eucharist, and our Collectors.

Without the wonderful help we couldn't have our traditional honouring of our dead.

*Thank you all very much.*

*The Priests of the Parishes of Lucan*

## Lucan Tidy Towns

### Family Festival Day

Thank you to all involved in making the Festival such a success.

We had many budding gardeners on Sunday, Also Tidy Tim had many visitors, big and small calling by to meet him. As you can see he has been conferred with official Garda Inspector status!







# CHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Causey Farm trip:** On Thursday last, transition year students had a fantastic day out with their year head and tutors. The day acted as a team building and group building opportunity for the whole year group as they begin the new school year together. While there the students visited the pet farm, went bog walking and baked their own bread at the end of the day.



**Garda Youth Awards:** Last Thursday evening we had a number of students represent the school at the Garda Youth Awards at the Clayton Hotel, Liffey Valley. The Garda Youth Awards are a celebration of young people in their community and the recognition of the fantastic work that many of them are doing. Many of our students were certificate winners and Jesse Duggan and Caoimhe Daffy recited poems they had written in front of a full house. Well done all.



**Chloe Doyle on the European stage:** A massive congratulations to Chloe Doyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> year who was part of the Peamount United women's senior team for their Champions League qualification game in Croatia. In the game against Osijek, Peamount were unfortunately beaten 2-1 which now leaves them with one win from their two games so far. It is a massive achievement for Chloe to make the squad for this game and we have no doubt she was well looked after by former students Aoife Brophy and Niamh Farrelly.



**Geography field trip:** As part of their Leaving Certificate geography course a, sixth year students visited Kippure Estate on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. The students carried out a range of vital skills such as surveying, group work, data collection, analysis and report writing as they completed this element of their geography course.

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



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Enrolment:** Application forms for admission to 1<sup>st</sup> yr in September 2025 will be available from the school office from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Alternatively, parents can pick up up at the Open Night on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Completed application forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. As outlined in the Admissions Bill 2022, students can only enrol a year in advance of starting in post primary school. Mr. O' Meara and Ms Hunt will visit our main feeder schools only with application forms shortly. All relevant information relating to admissions can be found on the Annual Admission Notice located under the information pull down menu on the school website

**Open Night 2024:** The Coláiste Phádraig Open Night will take place in the school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from **7pm-9pm**. The Open Night is undoubtedly one of the highlights of our school calendar, with teachers, management, staff and students alike in attendance to showcase the fantastic array of modern facilities available in our school. There will be presentations, guided tours, classroom-based demonstrations and displays, quizzes, interactive games, dramatic performances and many other surprises and fun activities throughout the school on the night. We ourselves look forward to meeting the prospective students on the night who we hope will join the extended Coláiste Phádraig CBS family in the coming years.

**School tours:** There are three school tours currently planned for the upcoming school year. A group of senior students are travelling to Iceland during the October mid-term break for three nights with their Geography teachers. Another group of students from TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> yr are going skiing in Bulgaria for 5 sights during the February mid-term break. Finally, a large group of 2<sup>nd</sup> yrs will be travelling to Barcelona during the Easter holidays for a 3-night stay. This promises to be an action-packed tour with a tour of the Nou Camp (which will hopefully be re-opened by then), the spiritual home of Lionel Messi, undoubtedly being one of the highlights, especially for the many soccer fanatics in 2<sup>nd</sup> yr! Other highlights include a day at PortAventura, a world famous leisure and entertainment resort, a visit to the impressive Salou beach, a Furnicular Railway journey to see Monserrat Cathedral and a visit to L'Aquarium, considered to be the most significant marine and education centre in the world. It promises to be a fantastic year of foreign

travel for the school, with such a wonderfully diverse range of activities. to look forward to for those involved.

**Transition Year:** Our 79 new TY students have been very busy and active since the return to school. Over the past two Wednesdays, the students headed to Howth to complete the leisurely and extremely scenic Purple Route Summit Hike around Howth Head Peninsula, with fantastic panoramic views of Dublin Bay throughout.

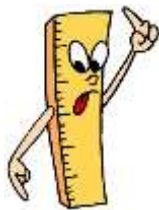
The students started in their hike in the picturesque and tranquil Howth Harbour, which is nestled on the rugged peninsula that forms the north-side of Dublin Bay, and hiked as far down as the striking and majestic 19<sup>th</sup> century lighthouse on the East Pier, with its breath-taking views of Ireland's Eye and Dublin Bay, before returning up by the summit pub and back towards the village. All of the trails around the summit hug the cliffs at several points along the route which made for an exhilarating and exciting coastal walk for our enthusiastic and intrepid hikers!

The group enjoyed being outdoors and getting some exercise in the fine September weather as they worked up an appetite for some delicious Beshoffs' fish and chips and some very welcome cold drinks and ice-cream in the harbour afterwards!

Mr. Kelly is doing a photography module with the students this year so the Howth hike was the perfect opportunity for our budding young photographers to put into practice what they have learned so far.

The students are also really enjoying their Home Economics module with **Ms. Woulfe**. The feedback from the classes has been extremely positive so far with the students learning all about nutrition and cooking. They are enjoying practising their cooking skills, skills that they then have been proudly demonstrating in their own kitchens in front of their somewhat surprised parents!

The students have also started worked in the Memorial Garden with Mr. Dunne. They have been tidying up and weeding the raised bed and Poly Tunnel as well as preparing to plant new flowers and seeds for the Autumn. They also tasted some of the tomatoes and apples that were grown on-site and they also saw the courgettes (a delicate flavoured vegetable) that have been growing over the summer. They are planning to cook them in the Home Economics Room at some stage before sampling them.



## Lucan Community College

On Monday the 9th of September the Parents association hosted a great night with guest speaker Rory O'Connor of rorysstories.ie sharing his experience of education, mental health, sport and finding your path in life with a large attendance of parents and students. Thanks to the parents association for organising.



Our 1st year classes enjoyed team building activities in their PE classes. A very positive start to their first few weeks in secondary school as the students get to know each other and show a great enthusiasm for enjoyment and healthy competition in the team challenges set. Well done to all the incoming first years and their Teacher Miss Geraghty.



## St. Vincent's Castleknock College

**OPEN EVENING Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

The College invites Sixth Class boys and their parents to our Open Evening. There are two sessions on the night which last for one hour each.

This is a ticketed only event and you must reserve your tickets in advance for your chosen time. Each ticket covers entry for one Sixth Class boy and up to two of his parents.

Link to reserve tickets for 18.30 to 19.30 session  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/1384368>

Link to reserve tickets for 20.00 to 21.00 session  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/1384388>

Please note, if attending the 20.00 to 21.00 session, do not arrive before 19.45, to allow earlier attendees to leave the campus.

**Full information on our website.**

## Back to School Prayer

*Dear Lord,*

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good. Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm, Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in our peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

*Amen.*

## 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. uard our chi

Tel. 01 4434510

or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

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# POLITICAL NOTES

## Cllr Joanna Tuffy - Labour

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**Lucan Festival Chess Tournament:** Well done to Lucan Festival Committee, and also Paul Madden, Vitali and Elena of EQ Chess School and Cllr Shane Moynihan for the inaugural Lucan Festival Chess Tournament that took place last week. Congratulations to the winners, runners up and all who took part. I am just a chess beginner, but I would love to see Lucan become a place with lots of opportunities for people of all ages to learn and play chess. On that note myself and other chess enthusiasts have, with Lucan Library arranged a chess drop-in for adults on the first Wednesday of each Month from 3,30pm to 5.30pm. It is in the meeting room of the library and it is very informal and you don't have to be great at chess to play a game.

## Cllr Vicki Casserly - Fine Gael

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**Na Gaeil Óga:** Is mór an pribhléid dom a fhógairt gur thug Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas úsáid eisiach pháirc CLG Lána Tandy do Na Gaeil Óga. Is léir go bhfuil an céim seo aitheantas ar an obair mhór atá déanta ag an gclub le cluichí gaelach trí mean Gaeilge a cothú agus a spreagadh. Bhí mé lán sásta ag obair ar son Na Gaeil Óga ar feadh na blianta agus mo tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh. Go néirí go geal leo!

**Weston Park Pedestrian Lights:** I have requested an updated from senior management on the ongoing wait to switch on pedestrian lights.

**Lucan Festival:** Lucan Festival is growing bigger and better every single year. Superb atmosphere with plenty to do showcasing the best of our community. Congratulations to the festival committee for your ongoing hard work and volunteerism.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Recycle event Monday 16th September:** As part of Climate Action Week, Cllr. Caroline Brady and I are hosting a free community collection of electrical waste and electronic equipment. This event will take place on Monday 16th September from 11am to 1pm at Griffeen Valley Car Park, Hayden's Lane. You can bring any item with a plug or battery to recycle. This event is made possible by RecycleIT Community Recycling, with support from South Dublin County Council.

**Lucan Festival:** Massive Congratulations to the Lucan Village Festival Committee and all those involved in organising this year's Festival. The event was a phenomenal success and stands as a tribute to the

dedication of the organisers, who tirelessly strive each year to bring our community together and showcase local talent. I hope that everyone who attended had a wonderful time.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

085 2551602. [CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie](mailto:CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie)

**Housing aid for Older People Scheme** – I've had a number of queries about this grant over the last few weeks. The grant assists older people (over 66 years of age) and supports re-wiring, re-roofing, and the provision of central heating (where none exists). It is means tested and the max grant is €8,000. Please contact me if you need a form or assistance.

**Airlie Park** – I reported the drinking water fountain in Airlie Park out of order and am pleased to report it was repaired promptly.

**Steps down to River Liffey** – Several residents raised concerns about the lack of street lighting on the steps leading to the Liffey at the Weir. I raised this with the Council and they advised that as part of the Lucan Village scheme, a fully lit, wider staircase will replace the current steps from Lower Lucan Road to the Promenade.

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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**Lucan Summer Festival:** Congratulations to the organisers of the Lucan Summer Festival. It was a great success.

**Lack of Public Health Nurses in Lucan:** I will continue to raise the issue of the lack of PHN's in certain parts of Lucan. The Oireachtas is back from the summer recess next week and I plan to raise this issue with the Minister for Health.

## Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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**Bus services:** When there are lots of things on in town at the weekend, there should be more buses put on to get people there. I've contacted the NTA to ask them how do they plan for additional services at busy weekends and how do we avoid people being stranded at bus stops.

**Abbeywood and Colthurst entrances:** I was happy to see hedge maintenance work take place outside Abbeywood and Colthurst estates over the past few days. I requested this in response to concerns by residents about anti-social behaviour in the overgrowth. Thanks to the SDCC Public Realm team for responding to the request.

**Weston crossing:** It was good to see ESB crews at work at the pedestrian crossing at Weston this week. I look forward to this crossing being active in the coming days.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### World Suicide Prevention Day 2024

Tuesday the 10th marked World Suicide Prevention Day. Our U10 boys are doing their bit to promote the theme of "Changing the narrative on suicide" and encouraging people to "Start the conversation".

The boys debuted their new gear recently and it has been a privilege for the team and the club to be involved in promoting this important message. Suicide is everyone's business and has touched every community in Ireland. The GAA is at the very heart of those communities and suicide has impacted every club and ours is no different.

Proudly displaying the Pieta logo, the aim is that this collaboration will raise awareness of Pieta's lifesaving services and supports. We want to raise awareness in our club, with our opponents and much further afield.

Pieta first opened its doors in Lucan in 2006 and since then they have seen and helped over 70,000 people in suicidal distress or engaging in self-harm. Pieta also provides free counselling, support and therapy to those who have been bereaved by suicide.

Free 24/7 Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444, or visit [www.pieta.ie](http://www.pieta.ie)






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**Lotto:** We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,800. The Numbers were **2, 6, 23, 26** The lucky dip prizes go to Claire Joyce, Terry Myler, Catherine Dardis, Anthony Healy, Karen McAndrew.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,200. The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Mary Flannery

**Ladies Football:** Well done to our Intermediate Ladies footballers on a great win over St Brigid's on a score line of 4:02 – 1:10. This win leaves them joint top of their group and secures them a spot in the semi-final with one more group game to go.

**Camogie:** Well done to the senior camogie team in their win over St Oliver Plunkett ER in their second game of championship over the weekend. Best of luck to the girls this Sunday in round 3 against Kilmacud Crokes in Silver Park.

**Hurling:** The minor championships commenced this weekend, and we had three teams in action. Our Minor A's beat Commercials in a very entertaining encounter in AGP (see report below). The Minor Bs had a good win away to Bohernabreena St Columba's, but the Minor Cs lost out away to Trinity Gaels. Overall playing numbers are tight to field three teams and this was compounded by a host of injuries at present, so thanks to the U16 players and mentors for their flexibility and support in enabling all three teams to field. Next weekend is the final round of the Group stage of the adult championships and we will have 5 teams in action, with the Intermediate and Junior C's seeking to secure quarter-final places, along with the Seniors, Junior A's and Junior B's who have already confirmed their progression.

**Social:** 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 Nagarhópe 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







## 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.

### Acadamh/Underage Academy

Satharn seo ag 10 a chlog i nGSNP..  
Scapaigí an Nuacht agus Bígí Linn  
This Saturday at 10am in GSNP. Spread  
the News and come along

## Cailíní F13 - Peil



Bua iontach do na Cailíní F13B inniu. Maith sibh!

### Buachaillí F10 - Iomáint

Bhí cúpla cluichí iomána den scoth ag na buachaillí faoi 10 inné in aghaidh Bhaile an Bhaspailigh (Westmanstown) le pasanna, scóranna agus scileanna breátha le feiceáil ós ár gcomhair, maith sibh go léir!

**Cumann CLG Lán-Ghaeilge Leamhcáin**  
**Lucan's Irish Speaking GAA Club**  
Acadamh Spraol CLG!  
GAA Fun Academy!  
Cluichí is spraol do Chailíní is Buachaillí ó 3 go 7 mbliana  
Games & fun for Girls and Boys 3 to 7 yrs  
Gach Satharn i nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig  
Every Saturday in Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig



## Cailíní F9 - Peil

Bhí tús iontach den séasúr againn maidin inné agus na cailíní ag tabhairt faoi scileanna an pheil. D'oibrigh siad le chéile go h-iontach agus láidir mar fhoireann. Go leor scóranna bainte amach againn ach an rud is mó a bhí le feiceáil ná an dul chun cinn atá déanta againn ó thaobh scileanna de agus muid ag díriú ar na h-áiteanna a choimead ar an bpáirc. Obair foirne den chéad scoth. Maith sibh a chailíní

Na Gaeil Óga Abú - Cailíní F9 Abú

### Buachaillí F12 - Iomaint

Cluiche láidir iomaíoch iomána inniu ó na BF12 in aghaidh foireann láidir i Chloigthishe Lusca. Roinnt scileanna áille le feiceáil le go leor ritheanna den scoth leis an sliotar agus roinnt scóranna iontach.

Cé gur cailleadh an cluiche d'imir na leaids go han-mhaith le chéile, agus is cinnte go bhfuil siad ag imirt le chéile mar fhoireann.

Scairt mhór inniu ar Louie Smith, a d'imir a chéad chluiche iomaíoch tar éis cúpla mhí traenála.

Ag súil le go leor eile a fheiceáil ó na leaids sna 6 chluiche dheireanacha den séasúr.





# SPORTS



## DODSBORO GOLF

Results 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Stableford Points

### Members Competition

Jimmy Henry 50 1st  
Don Sullivan 40 2nd  
Martin Sullivan 40 3rd  
Oliver Tutty 39 4th  
Martin Rankin (Snr) 39 5th  
Liam Price 38 6th  
Martin Malone 37 7th  
Martin Curtis 36 8th  
Shay Downes 36 9th  
Larry Weldon 36 10th  
Liam Kilfoyle 35 11th  
Johnny Thompson 35 12th  
Robbie Cullen 35 13th  
Joe Curtis 34 14th  
Alex Nisic 33 15th  
Brian Croke 33 16th  
Niall McCabe 31 17th

### Visitors Competition

Niall Dawson 39 1st  
Stuart Clarke 38 2nd  
Gerry Light 37 3rd  
Sean Breen 36 4th  
Kevin Richmond 34 5th  
Jordan Dunne 34 6th  
Pat Flannery 33 7th  
Keith Fitzmaurice 33 8th  
Kieran Graham 33 9th  
Davy Byrne 33 10th  
Donal Walsh 32 11th  
Martin Coyne 31 12th  
Sid Kavanagh 30 13th  
Mick Dunne 28 14th  
Anto O'Neill 28 15th  
Mick Byrne 26 16th  
Dave Harding 26 17th

*Sponsor:* Greg Colclough, Nearest the Pin

*Sponsor:* Stuart Clarke, Longest Drive.

## LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

**Lucan Bridge Club has reopened!**

**Wednesdays  
In Springfield Hotel.**

**7.30 start!**

And continuing for the  
Winter Season



*We are a friendly and welcoming Club, and would be delighted to welcome new members*

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### The Lucan Harriers A.C. 5 mile road race

The Lucan Harriers A.C. 5 mile road race took place on Sunday 1st September incorporating the Dublin 5 mile Road Championships.

There was a great buzz on the track on a dry Sunday morning with the juveniles kicking things off with a number of races on the track.

The 5 mile race kicked off at 11am with 524 people making their way along the flat course which includes a 1 mile section run along the beautiful Grand Canal. There was a newly added water station halfway along the course. The race finished with a lap of our tartan track. Lots of water, fruit and sweet treats were available for all participants and supporters.

The winner Efreem Gidey (Clonliffe Harriers) smashed the course record in 22:57. The first female winner was Faye Dervan of Dublin City Harriers in 28:06.

Well done to all those who got PBs John Rabbett, Ian Mclean, Declan McManus, Laura McManus, Marta Cieniuch, Heather MacDonnell and Anita Hogan.

A big congratulations to our couch to 5 mile group who have been training all summer for this race.

Well done to all who competed, volunteered and supported.

Finally, a huge well done to our race committee who have been working on putting this event together for months. It was a fantastic day.



## Lucan Library – September Events

### Please note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



**Computer Skills for Adults** - course delivered by DDLETB. *Tuesday 17th at 1.30pm* (First class AND Registration Day).

The new 8 week term of Computer Classes for Adults will begin on Tuesday 17th September at 1.30pm. Please give your details at the desk in advance. Registration will take place at the first class, Tuesday 17th Sept.

**Art & Creativity with Elena**, for 9-12 year olds

*Thursday 26th September, 3.30pm*

Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-949877026757>

### Events for Younger Children:

**Storytime** - *Tuesdays at 3pm*. All welcome!

**Toddler Time with Little Turtles:** *Thursday 26th September, 10am*. Booking essential from Thursday 19th September at 10am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-with-little-turtles-leader-natasha-tickets-1004694005817>

### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club:

*Wednesday 25th September, 7pm*



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

**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group** - *Thursday 19th September, 10am – 12noon*.

**Cuidiu Breastfeeding Support Group** returns for monthly meetings. Friday 20th September at 10am. All welcome.

**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:** Tuesday 24th September, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

**Information Stands:** South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 19th September, 2pm - 4pm

**Exhibitions:** Big Houses of Ireland Poetry Exhibition by members of Poets Perch

You can follow Lucan Library or South Dublin Libraries on Facebook to see all library events across South Dublin County.



**Visit of the Relics of St Kilian to Maynooth**

Register here

Open to the Public.  
All Welcome, especially any Killians or Cillians!

This October, for the first time, the sacred relics of 7th century Irish martyr, Saint Kilian, will return to his home country from Würzburg in Germany along with those of his martyred colleagues, Saints Totnan and Kolonat. The relics stop off at Maynooth en route to Mullagh in Co.Cavan.

**6.00pm** Procession from College Gates to the College Chapel  
**6.30pm** Vespers and veneration

**WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024**



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

All going well the members of St. Mary's Camera Soiree will mount their 12<sup>th</sup> Photography Exhibition in the Parish Centre on the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Lots of photos taken at the Lucan Festival last weekend were submitted and I particularly liked the one of the multitude of colourful balloons submitted by Frances.



Autumn has suddenly arrived and has been captured in photographs submitted by Kay. Even as the cool weather creeps in Josie managed to photograph a bee on one of the flowers in her garden. I for one have not seen many bees this summer but maybe I have the wrong flowering plants in my garden to attract them. There are apparently over 20,000 known species of bee in seven recognised biological families but less than 10% of them live in colonies. Surprisingly the vast majority of them are solitary creatures.

Frances submitted a photograph of Fore Abbey, the ruins of a Benedictine and Early Gaelic 7th century Abbey associated with St. Feichin who founded the Abbey in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century Hugh de Lacy, Lord of Meath built a Benedictine monastery near the Gaelic monastery. Many of the ruins that remain today are from the 13th and 15th century and the 13th century church still has some painted plaster decorations in the church. The ruins are situated to the north of Lough Lene in County Westmeath, adjacent to Fore village. Fore Abbey and environs are one of the largest group of Benedictine and other ecclesiastical ruins remaining in Ireland.



*Stay safe until next week!*