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## **It's Really, Really, Really Not Fair!**

Life will never be experienced as fair no matter where we are or who we are. However, what not being fair means varies enormously!

We live in a wealthy country, even though that wealth is not evenly distributed. We live in a materialistic society where what we consider as basics, are sheer luxuries in some of our homes locally and in many of our countries all over the world. For the most part, we can flick a switch for electricity, hot water and the most modern of communication methods. All levels of education are available to us, with steps up for those who struggle, while we allow for the influence of the reality of particular homes. Education gives ultimate freedom and access to all that is available to us in all realms of life.

We have welcomed Bishop Francis Kibiri among us from Kasese Diocese in Uganda, the same diocese as our own Fr Ubaldo Muhindo. Bishop Kibiri has spoken of the endemic poverty which exists in his country where the infrastructure concerning roads, schools, hospital, etc lags behind what is needed to reach most basic needs. However, as in Ireland when poverty was endemic in pre and post Second World War periods up to the sixties, the people are generous in their support of one another and communities, giving from what they have in terms of material support and sharing of skills.

The cost of supporting a young person through a year at college (or education leading to priesthood) is the equivalent of €500 per year. The cost in Ireland is probably €10000 to include accommodation. However, the value of that €500 in Uganda is incomparably prohibitive as it relates to approximately half a year's earnings for an average worker. Many depend on their farming produce, so that barter operates more than cash exchange, with the opportunity to have money for a more than basic education being unlikely for most.

Many generous people, in Lucan, have made contribution to the collection for money to support the education of men who are studying for the priesthood in Kasese diocese. This will make a huge difference to their families and to their communities. The collection is taking place in St Mary's Parish.

While considering the differences between subsistence levels in Uganda (as one of many countries) and in Ireland, the most striking aspect to reflect on is about what resources we actually have in our country, free to all! I certainly don't often notice how fortunate I am and take much for granted.

Anything that we can do to level the gap between those who have and those who have not in our community, locally and our community internationally, can transform the lives of many. Thank God for what we have! May we keep our hearts and eyes open for our brothers and sisters no matter where they live!

*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

### Budget 2025 will be announced on Tuesday, 1 October 2024.

This document on our website will summarises the main changes in taxation, cost of living supports, supports for energy costs, social welfare, health, housing, education, employment and other areas.

#### More information on Budget 2025

You can access a range of information from [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) before the Budget

### Pieta

Pieta offers counselling, therapy and support for people who have been bereaved by suicide and for people who are thinking about suicide. They have locations across Ireland and offer services through telephone and via text message.

24 hour free phone crisis

helpline: 1800 247 247

Text HELP to 51444

Therapy services: 0818 111 126 (no referral needed)

Tel: (01) 4585490 (head office)

Homepage: <https://www.pieta.ie/>

Email: [info@pieta.ie](mailto:info@pieta.ie)



### Fire Safety Week 2024

runs from 30 September to 6 October and is organised by Fire Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage  
[www.fireireland.ie](http://www.fireireland.ie)

This year's theme for Fire Safety Week is: *"We didn't start the Fire" – But what did?!"*

National Fire Safety Week will kick off on Monday September 30th. This year #24FSW aims to enhance fire safety, particularly in the home. In the new blended working world many of us are spending more time at home so it is more important than ever that we are all informed as to the steps we can take to protect ourselves and our homes from fire. This year, for Fire Safety Week, our focus will be on preventing fires in the home by understanding their common causes and taking steps to stop them before they start. Once a fire starts, it can be relentless, so it's crucial to do everything possible to prevent one.

#### Together We Can STOP Fire

**STOP** stands for:

**S** – is for Smoke alarms. Make sure you have at least one on every level/floor.

**T** – is for Test your smoke alarms weekly or ask someone to check it for you.

**O** – is for Obvious dangers. Look out for fire risks like overloaded sockets, candles and unattended appliances.

**P** – is for Plan your escape route. Keep access routes clear and have your keys at the ready.

*Avoid:*

Smoking when tired

Leaving burning candles unattended

Leaving young children unattended

Leaving matches and lighters where children can get them

Leaving chip pans, frying pans, etc. unattended

Standing too close to fires, heaters, etc.

Using faulty electrical appliances

Overloading sockets

*Make sure to:*

Have your chimney cleaned at least once a year

Use a spark guard with open fires

Use proper holders when burning candles

Keep ashtrays empty when not in use

Have a suitable fire extinguisher and fire blanket in your kitchen

Have faulty electrical appliances repaired or replaced immediately

Close all doors at night time

Carry out a routine fire safety check before going to bed

More information is on [www.fireireland.ie](http://www.fireireland.ie)

## Lucan Girl Guides



Are you aged between 10 – 14 years?

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

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

## LUCAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ



**Friday 27 September**

**@ 8:15pm**

**THE BACK BAR**

**KENNYS OF LUCAN**

**ALL WELCOME**

## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October*

Social Morning in St Mary's Parish Centre

10.30am – 12.30.

New members welcome!

## Irish Conversation!

**Wednesdays 10.30am – 11.30am**

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.

## Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 3rd October at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.



**Thursday 3rd October 2024, 7:45pm**  
**Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, October 3rd, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact [vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com)

## Minder & Toddler Group

**Thursdays**

in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**,  
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.

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, 7pm

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

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

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

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



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

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

**Baptisms in St. Mary's:** Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony.

The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date.

Dates are bookable on line.

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

### Recent Death

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of **Elizabeth (Betty) Bevan**, Sarsfield Park.

*May she rest in peace.*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Lucan Parish  
PILGRIMAGE TO  
LOURDES**

**MYRIAM  
Tours**

Tour organizers: MYRIAM, Licensed by the Irish Aviation Authority. TA 0776

**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.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aer Lingus flights Dublin to Toulouse</li><li>• 10kg checked-in luggage plus small bag</li><li>• 4 nights in a 4-star hotel in Lourdes</li><li>• Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full time accompaniment</li><li>• Coach transfers in Lourdes to/from airport</li><li>• Trip to Bartres</li><li>• Organisation of a full religious programme</li></ul>
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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)

**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)

### Calling all Singers!

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

The choirs are back in September as follows:  
Children's choir resumes on Thursday 12th Sep at 6pm.

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

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

The Family choir is back already.

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

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

Every Thursday.

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

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

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

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

### Legion of Mary:

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

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

## NAGARHOPE

### Annual Church-gate Collection

takes place at all Masses at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, this Saturday/ Sunday 28th/29th September.

NAGARHOPE is a charity founded by Lucan man Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon and educates children in Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal. Your generosity will further this great work.

*Many thanks.*

*Niamh Clandillon*



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

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022

or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

## Deepest Sympathy

### Terry Gannon R.I.P.

We at Lucan Newsletter were saddened to learn of the death of Terry, a familiar face at our Newsletter Office, who along with his brother Christy, made sure we had our weekly paper supply.

To his brothers Barry, Christy and Brendan, and his sister Susan, we extend our deepest sympathy. *May he rest in peace.*

## Anniversaries

### Tommy Behan R.I.P.

*53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Late of Dodsboro Cottages.*

Dad forever in our hearts you stay,

Sadly missed along life's way.

Quietly remembered every day.

*Loved and missed always by Ann and Mary and  
all the family xxxx*

Special loving thoughts too for our Mam Ciss.



### Dave Murray

*First Anniversary, 7th October*

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever."

*Sadly, missed by all your family and friends.*

*God bless.*

## Lucan ICA

This week we had a very interesting and informative talk by a member of Lucan Red Cross. We are very grateful to Liam for this.



A variety of beautiful crafts continue to be worked on by our members.

We meet each Monday from 10.00am – 12.30pm in St. Mary's Parish Centre.

## Did you know.....

*A fear of long words is called*

*Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.*



## Upcoming Workshop for Frontline Workers

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

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

*This workshop is open to:*

Garda Siochana/PSNI Family Liaison Offices

Emergency First Responders

Funeral Directors

Emergency Departments Medical Staff

Social Workers

Chaplains/Clergy

Anyone working in an organisations in contact or supporting bereaved families

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

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

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

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



**Older people need your support!**

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

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

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



### Change in the weather!

After a few nice sunny days, Autumn is really setting in – the darker mornings and evenings – the leaves changing colour, and the cold wet and windy weather.

Still compared to many other parts of the world, we're really blessed here in Ireland.....

**Budget coming on Tuesday next** – though these days, we seem to know most about it before it is actually announced. Still we'll all be glued to the news programmes.....

**Between Bike Sheds and Security Shelters** – the mind boggles at the amounts of money being thrown at these projects when so many other things need the funds....

**Get Well Wishes to Sr. Geraldine!**  
Hope to see you back in action again soon



### Lucan Planning Council

We welcome the new rail station at Kishogue, it is well designed. Now we want to get more people to rail use. Train usage must be designed to suit the users.

There are many people living in the Lucan area from various parts of the country who would use rail if it suited them.



We welcome the new early train at 5 45 AM from Heuston to Galway, but it should serve the rest of the west of Ireland as well. We would like this train to stop at Adamstown as it is difficult to make Heuston at this early hour. There is another problem with this train, when it reaches Athlone, the train for Westport has already departed a few minutes early as per timetable. This is a problem that must be addressed. We would also like to see some of late trains on the way to Dublin to stop at Adamstown.

Tom Newton 086 3127464

### Lucan Lions Club

**Presentation to UNICEF** As advised last week, Lucan Lions Club made a presentation of €3531 to UNICEF for the Children of Gaza. These funds are proceeds from collections at Supervalu Lucan (Luke the Lion) over the summer months and further collections will continue for the children of Gaza until Lucan Lions switch their focus to The Christmas Food Appeal.



Pictured are President Gerry Ennis and Club members Ray Barnes and Tom Kelleher.

**LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

PRIZES RAFFLE

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TEAMS €40 TABLE OF 4

Entry on the night!

**FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

8pm | Lucan Sarsfields

Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839

**Table Quiz** – don't forget our Fundraising Table Quiz in Lucan Sarsfields on 11 October. See you there!

Mattie McCabe PRO



# SCHOOL NEWS



the PA system – agus gach rud as Gaeilge. 1st and 2nd year CSPE classes are also to be commended for making freebies for the event, which helped promote the Irish language. You should all be very very proud of your efforts. Mo cheol sibh".

## St. Joseph's College

**National Ploughing Championships:** Last Thursday, transition years along with their tutors were up early to beat the traffic as they went off to the Ploughing Championships. It was a fantastic day in the Sun for all involved. The students got involved in welly throwing and sheep shearing and also enjoyed the many stalls and wonderful food that was available on the day.



**Rosie's Garden:** We are delighted to have a new team of Rosie's garden students doing their Bronze Gaisce Award. There was great energy, ideas and fun as they embark on a new year making our outdoor area a special place for all. Sr. Rosario's spirit certainly lives on.

**Féile Sráide:** A huge congratulations goes out to the 34 TY students who volunteered at the Féile Sráide in Leixlip on Sunday. They worked every activity and stall from Tea and coffee and tuck shop to egg and spoon race to MC'ing the PA system and announcing raffle winners on stage at the end. There was a TY zone outdoors which they ran entirely themselves, including MC'ing

**Art Trip:** Fifth year Art students visited the National Gallery of Ireland where they were given a guided tour of the 'Women Impressionists' exhibition. Inspired by the work of these great painters, fifth years experimented by painting 'en plein air' in St. Stephens Green.

**Junior camogie:** Hard luck to our junior camogie team who were beaten in their first championship game of the year against Our Lady's Terenure.

On Wednesday morning, our seniors play their first game of their championship campaign against Dominican College.

**Glendalough:** Last week, our third year students visited Glendalough on a wellbeing retreat. Students enjoyed the sunshine and were given a guided tour of the Glendalough Monastic site. They then went on a hike down to the lake and the surrounding areas.

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**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

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





## Lucan Community College

**Leaving Cert Results 2024:** Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate class of 2024 on their wonderful results. We are delighted to hear that so many of students have now started in a college or further education course of choice, an apprenticeship programme, or employment. Particular congratulations to students Alice Bell, Isaac Kenny, Niamh Roche, Aman Pathak, Saoirse Balfe, Matthew Fitzgerald, Ethan Fennell, Lee Murphy, Barakat Salawu, Rory Egan and Amelia McNamee who were among our high point scorers, with 17% of students achieving 500 or over points and 51% achieving 400 or over points. We are very proud of every student who completed this, their first ever state exam and who have now moved on to the next stage of their educational journey. Thanks to tutors, year head Mr Grimes, teachers, SNAs, guidance counsellors, parents and everyone who support these students along the way.



**KICKBOXING Champions:** Huge congratulations to our three students from the Wade family Amy (6th Year), Ryan (TY) and Abbie (1st Year) who recently competed in the WAKO World Kickboxing Championships in Hungary. Between them they reached three semi-finals and two finals, culminating in a Gold medal, a Silver medal and three Bronze medals and Abbie became a world champion!!! This is an extraordinary achievement from the three siblings against competitors from all over the world. We are extremely proud of them and the enormous commitment, dedication and talent they display for their sport. Congratulations to Amy, Ryan and Abbie on their wonderful achievements.

**TY Reptile Workshop:** The Transition Year classes welcomed some reptilian friends to the

college on Thursday and Friday and received a very interesting and hands on experience with Melanie from Reptile Haven. Transition Year is the time to really move out of our comfort zones.

Our TY's also taking part in a self-defence course. They are learning the Krav Maga style of self-defence. All students are taking on the challenge of learning something new and developing a new skill set. Well done TY students, keep up the great work!



**Open Day 2024:** We invite students in 5th and 6th class primary school accompanied by one parent/guardian to attend our Open Day from 3-5pm on 1st October 2024. Come along to meet our students and staff, tour the building and experiencing the range of subjects and extra-curricular activities on offer in our school. No parking available on site

**Extra – Curricular:** Great to have Extra-Curriculars back in action and brilliant to see so many girls getting involved with our hockey training, led by 5th year student Lily Crocker Dunne



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Enrolment:** A reminder that application forms for admission to 1<sup>st</sup> yr in September 2025 will be available from the school office from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. Forms can be collected from the office on that date or printed off from our website [www.colaiestephadraig.ie](http://www.colaiestephadraig.ie). Completed application forms must be returned to the school office by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Open Night 2024:** A final reminder that Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night will take place in the school on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from **7pm-9pm**.

**Talent Show:** Entries are beginning to pour in for this year's eagerly anticipated Talent Show, undoubtedly one of the social events of the school year. The Talent Show Organising Committee, consisting of TY students Andrei Costa, David Nolan, Ronan White, Liam O' Donoghue, Andrew McNally, Donncha McManus, Matthew McGarry and Tom Connolly, have been very busy promoting and organising this year's show, which will take place on the last day of term (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October). Some of the committee could be seen dressed in wigs and dresses as they visited classes to promote the Show!

Students have been asked to send a video of their act (maximum 3mins) to the Talent Show email by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

There are lots of superb prizes up for grabs in what promises to be another exciting, eclectic and enjoyable Talent Show competition that will again showcase the fantastic array of different talents we have in the school. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is 150e, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is 100e and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is 50e.

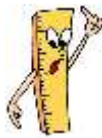
The committee are currently recording scenes for a teacher lip-sync version of Dolly Parton's catchy tune 9 to 5. They have shot a lot of the scenes already and they would like to thank the many teachers and staff who have volunteered to take part in what is always a very well received segment of the Talent Show. Ms. Kirby is very grateful to the Organising Committee for taking on the full responsibility of running this year's Talent Show. They have already demonstrated excellent initiative, organisational skills and leadership.

**Pool:** A pool table was set up in room 4 during lunchtime for 6<sup>th</sup> yr students on Tuesday. The table will be available throughout the year for the students and provides them with a nice space to unwind and socialise with their friends. There are plenty of talented pool players in 6<sup>th</sup> yr so the standard has already been very good. There will

be a competition organised for the 6<sup>th</sup> yrs later in the year.

**Home Economics:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students are really enjoying their Home Economics subject options week, where they are being introduced to the subject with fun, engaging lessons that cover the basics of food safety, kitchen organisation and simple, healthy recipes. The state-of-the-art Home Economics room provides a modern, welcoming space where the students can develop their culinary skills, from basic meal preparation to advanced cooking techniques.

Meanwhile, our Transition Year students are loving their Home Economics module where they are learning to cook dishes with Ms. Woulfe and explore the broader aspects of the subject, such as sustainability, budgeting and nutrition. The students are enjoying picking up numerous practical skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. They are learning how to organise and be responsible for their own preparation for the cooking lessons. They are also learning how to work in an efficient, hygienic and safe manner when demonstrating practical culinary skills. This week they learned how to cook a chicken and choriza pasta. Some covered their finished product in a velvety, super flavourful tomato and cream sauce, making for an absolutely delicious meal! They are all looking forward to shocking their families somewhat by showing off their impressive new cooking skills at home!



**Wood Technology:** In Wood Technology, our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students are learning how to make pencil holders during their subject options week. They are getting a brief introduction from Mr. Flynn to the practical side of the subject at Junior Cycle. The students are learning basic marking out skills to mark out their piece before then using a hard plane to shape the wood to the desired design. They are also being introduced to the pillar drill, as they will learn to drill three holes in the wood to hold the pencils, as well as the Pyrography Machine, which allows them to burn in their name, favourite football team, their favourite hobby or other interesting designs, into the wood. They are, of course, learning the essential safety skills involved in the operation of the machines. The students are then free to add some colour to their pencil holders using colouring pencils. The final stage involves adding a coat of varnish to protect the pencil holder to ensure that their final practical and elegant product looks good for many years ahead in Coláiste Phádraig.

## Lucan Library - October Events

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

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



### Space Week - Talk at Lucan Library

Thursday 10th October, 7pm. Interpreting Photographs of Space (Adults). Photos of objects in Space are beautiful and colourful but what do they show and what do the colours mean! Join Martin McCormack of the Astrophotography Club of Ireland as he takes us through the beautiful but complex world of Astrophotography. All Welcome!

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/astrophotography-workshop-tickets-999347755037>

### Children's Book Festival

**Wed 23rd Oct 3.30pm.** For ages 8-12 years.

Author Visit: Thomas Docherty. Watch as award-winning author and illustrator Thomas Docherty brings his stories alive with live drawing and then join in to learn how to draw some of Thomas' favourite characters yourself.

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

**The competition is for 2 age groups:**

Under 6 years – colouring page. 7-10 years – blank page. Mystery Prize for top 3 winners of each category! Collect your entry page at the library desk. Don't write in your details! Winners will be decided at the end of October

**Perch** – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults / 1st October 6.30pm. All levels welcome.

### Art & Creativity with Elena (Halloween Theme)

For 6-8 years: Thursday 17th October, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 10th October:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-6-8-years-old-tickets-955938767587>

For 9-12 years: Thursday 24th October, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 17th

October: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/halloween-art-creativity-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-956011414877>

### Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots: Saturday 12th October, 10.30am. Booking essential from

Saturday 5th October at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-950847810397>

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

Thursday 17th October, 7pm: Charlotte Bronte,; Martina Devlin in conversation with Dr Jarlath Killeen and Sinead Cuddihy:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/charlotte-in-conversation-with-author-martina-devlin-tickets-1006851448787>

**Saturday 19th October, 1pm: Personal Essay Writing with Ellen Brickley:**

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/personal-essay-writing-with-ellen-brickley-tickets-1006855861987>



## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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

Telephone: 01 253 6105

or 085 867 1245



### Golden Hour Club:

Our Golden Hour (over 55s)

Club has resumed this week.

We are running a free 6 week

Tai Chi Course in the centre every Thursday at

1pm.

### Afro-Latin Dance Fitness:

Our Afro-Latin Dance Fitness Class kicks off on

Tuesday 8 October at 7pm. 5 classes cost 50 euro,

or a single class costs 12 euro. If you are

interested, please contact the Centre for more

information.

### Room booking:

Would you like to book a room in the centre for a

meeting or a group activity? We have some

availability and offer competitive rates. Email us

to make a booking.

### Local Policing Forum:

We look forward to welcoming the Local Policing

Forum for the Ronanstown Garda Station area for

their public meeting on 17 October at 7pm. This

is a good opportunity to engage with local Garda

leadership and South Dublin County

Council.

### Lucan Records Fair:

We look forward to welcoming the next Lucan

Records Fair to the Centre on 30 November.

## Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge

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

E: [celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com](mailto:celbridgemillcommunitycentre@gmail.com)

Phone 01 6288556

### Christmas Fair at The Mill – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

**November:** Crafts and Festive decorations

required and outdoor food vendors (€40.)

Stands €40. Supported by KCC / LPT.

Contact the centre for details



**The Kingfisher** - Conor from St. Mary's Camera Soiree, spotted this little fellow taking a break!

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

**THE CONNECT FACTOR**

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Kenny's Bar  
8pm  
to  
10 30pm

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## 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,



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €8,600



The Numbers were **13, 14, 15, 18**  
The lucky dip prizes go to Brian Skehan, Kevin Roche, Lorcan Donohue, Fergal Gavin, Greg O'Neill

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €9,000. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre

### Fundraiser in Memory of Saoirse O'Driscoll

Join us in the Club on Saturday, 28th September from 9am to 4pm for a special Fundraising Day in memory of Saoirse O'Driscoll from Lucan, who sadly passed away at just 13 years old this April.

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

Come meet the team, see the boat they'll row from the Canary Islands to Antigua, and support this incredible cause. The row is fully self-funded, so 100% of donations will go directly to the charities.

Follow their journey on Instagram @teampowerof1 or visit [www.teampowerof1.com](http://www.teampowerof1.com)  
Donations can be made also to <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/teampowerof1>

### Senior Sunday

We have a big Sunday ahead this weekend (29th of September) with both our Senior Camogie and Senior Hurling teams playing in crucial championship matches. Our Senior Camogie team play their semi-final at 10:30am in St Vincent's GAA Club in Marino against St Vincent's. After this the



Senior Hurlers play their quarter-final at 2pm in Parnell Park against Whitehall. There is plenty of time to make it to both matches, with time for a coffee in between. We are encouraging all our

members to wear their club colours and get to both matches.

### Hurling

It was round 2 of the Minor hurling championships this weekend, and we had two wins from three games. Lucan Minor A's recorded their second win with a dramatic two point success away to Na Fianna (see match report below). The Minor Bs lost out to St Vincent's while the Minor C's had a one point win over Fingallians.

Next weekend is another significant one for our adult hurlers with Seniors, Junior As, Junior Bs and Junior Cs all in Championship Quarterfinals, while the Intermediates have a vital relegation play-off.



### Social

The Cúpla Focal club is back next Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September. These classes are free of charge and will run every Monday from 8-9pm. (Voluntary donations to Nagarhope welcome). This is a great opportunity to practice and learn to speak Irish in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Contact [cuplafocalclub@gmail.com](mailto:cuplafocalclub@gmail.com) for more information

### 25 Card Draw

Date: Friday 11th October until 9th May 2025

Time: 8.00pm Sharp

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

2nd prize if 3 or more tables

Entry: €5 per player

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar)

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.*



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Buachaillí F10 - Iomaint

Bhí dhá cluichí iomána breátha spórtúla ag na buachaillí faoi 10 in aghaidh Ghaeil Ragnallach ar maidin! Tá na buachaillí seo ag dul ó neart go neart! Maith sibh.

### Cailíní F15 - Peil

Bua iontach eile inniu ag na Cailíní F15 in aghaidh Bhaile Bhuadáin. Buíochas ar leith do Saorla, Ellen, Lily agus Saoirse ón bhfoireann Faoi 13 as cabhrú.



### Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Bhí bua iontach ag na buachaillí F12 inniu in aghaidh Na Fianna.



### Cailíní F9 - Peil

Bhí na cailíní ar fheabhas ar maidin. Bhí na cluichí físiúil go leor ach lean siad ar aghaidh ag obair go dian. Maith sibh a chailíní



### Buachaillí F9 - Iomáint

Bhí cluiche iontach sceitimíní ag na buachaillí F9 i gcoinne Bray Emmets ar maidin. Bhí leibhéal na hiarrachta ó gach buachaill dochreidte. Bhí cosaint, pucáil agus scóir iontach. Tá a gcuid oibre foirne ag dul ó neart go neart gach seachtain. Maith sibh a bhuachaillí



### Cailíní F13 - Peil

Cath crua inniu do chailíní F13 in aghaidh Clanna Gael Fontenoy. Sár imirt agus obair foirne iontach ó thus go deireadh. Maith sibh a chailíní!



# POLITICAL NOTES

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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### Joint Committee on Drug Use Nomination of

**Chair:** This week I was nominated to be the new chair of the Joint Committee on Drug Use. The committee was set up in March of this year after the Citizen's Assembly on Drug Use published its report. I'm delighted to accept the position and will work with others on the committee to finalise the committee's work by December of this year.

### Tragedy at the Glen of Imaal Apology:

Following the article in the Journal.ie and raising the issue in the Dail, I have received a response that the department will revert to our office in the coming weeks on the matter. Though the tragedy happened 45 years ago no written apology was ever received by those families and individuals who were affected by the events on that day.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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

### 2023 – 2025 Tree Maintenance programme:

The programme includes 54 locations, 15 completed and maintenance underway at 2 locations (Rochfort & St. Finians). Tree surveys are finished for 11 more, work details provided to the Council crew or contractor to plan and proceed with necessary maintenance for the following Adamstown Link, Ashpark street trees, Bewley, Brookvale, Castle Riada, Esker Road, Drive, and Old Esker Lane, Esker Glebe and Esker Lane, Esker Glebe and Esker Lane Street trees, and Tandys Lane Park (Additional).

**SDCC Tenant Maintenance:** If you are a SDCC tenant you can make maintenance requests on the SDCC Housing Online portal or in an emergency or if you are an older tenant on 01 414 9393, opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm. I'm happy to assist / escalate where appropriate. Please contact me if you need assistance.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Sports Capital Grant:** Fantastic news for a variety of clubs in Lucan who are set to receive funding under the Sports Capital Grant. With €250 million worth of funding to dish out, Lucan's clubs are set to receive over €750,000 between them. Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club, Lucan BMX, Lucan Cricket Club, Lucan Harriers and the South Dublin Football League!

Our local clubs are at the heart of our community, and it is great to see these deserving groups get the most out of this year's funding. It is a major boost and will help local clubs to maintain and make improvements to essential infrastructure such as; playing and training facilities, astro-turfs, handball alleys, walking tracks, hurling walls, and floodlights. I look forward to seeing the improvements they make with this funding.

## Cllr Joanna Tuffy - Labour

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**Affordable Housing Scheme:** Six 3-bed homes went on sale this week at Kilcarberry Grange as part of the Council's Affordable Homes Scheme. The minimum purchase price for a lower duplex is €286,940. The minimum purchase price for a 3-bed terrace is €306,940. The prices are about 20% less than the market value. Typical gross household income limits for purchasers have been estimated as between €69,221 and €73,046 based on the purchase prices. Note also that the Help to Buy Scheme can be used towards the deposit and the Local Authority Homeloan can be availed of by those who meet the criteria for the loan. This is a very small Affordable Housing scheme, and many applicants for it may not be successful this time around but there will be more like this, including at Clonburris, so keep an eye out on the 'Affordable Homes' section of [sdcc.ie](http://sdcc.ie) for future schemes.

## Cllr Paul Gogarty P.C. - Independent

"Not just at election time" Tel: 087-2752489.

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

### Lucan Village Green and Lucan Demesne

**works:** Major works commence this Monday 30<sup>th</sup> in the village which are expected to last at least six months. Some disruption is expected. These works include the long-delayed redesign of the green (without taking away parking spaces beside the GP surgery and convenience store), as well as an upgrade to the entrance to Lucan Demesne. Other works along the weir promenade will commence in coming weeks. More details on my website.

### Consultation on Newcastle Road junction upgrade and Old Cornmill Road:

These measures to improve cycle and pedestrian safety are also linked on my website "Lucan Update September 27<sup>th</sup>". The left turn onto the slip road heading towards Spa/Kew Park is still too tight in my view; I would ask people to make submissions seeking changes by October 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

## Clr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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### Sports Capital:

Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields, Lucan BMX Club and Lucan Harriers on their successful applications to the Sports Capital Programme. Thank you to the volunteers who took the time to put together the applications and paperwork.

### Tánaiste Micheál Martin visit to Lucan:



It was great to welcome An Tánaiste to Lucan recently where we spent time speaking and listening to local residents and businesses about important matters for them.

### Additional C1 departures:

I was delighted to see the rollout of additional services on the C1 route from the start of this week. This is something I have consistently raised with both the NTA and Dublin Bus, in response to the very clear need for additional capacity being raised with me. This is just a start. I will continue to raise the need for additional capacity, on the C2 as well as on Saturdays, and for staggered starts to the routes.


# Visit of the Relics of St Kilian to Maynooth

Register here




Open to the Public.  
All Welcome, especially any Kilians 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.

	<b>6.00pm</b> Procession from College Gates to the College Chapel
	<b>6.30pm</b> Vespers and veneration


**WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2024**

**BECOME SUICIDE ALERT!**




## safeTALK

*suicide alertness for everyone*



### Suicide Alertness for Everyone




A half-day suicide prevention programme, this training is **FREE** to attend and funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention

Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources

**SafeTALK**  
**Location:** Adamstown Youth & Community Centre, Lucan.  
**Date:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**Time:** 9.30am – 1pm

**Four basic steps**  
Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources.  
Suicide Alertness for Everyone SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone' prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.  
This training is suitable for anyone over the age of 18  
Training is free of charge

**Booking is essential.**  
[Click Here to Book](#)



or visit [www.nosp.ie/training](http://www.nosp.ie/training) or email: [admin@breakingthrough.org](mailto:admin@breakingthrough.org)



### Contacts:

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**Sport / Politics**

[roselucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:roselucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Parish Notes / Anniversaries**

[annalucannewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:annalucannewsletter@gmail.com)

**Reports and Ads. etc** may also be left at the usual addresses:

St. Mary's Parish Centre

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

**Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.**





## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week Anna was in O'Connell Street and submitted a photo of the "infamous" Portal, **an interactive installation created by Lithuanian artist Benediktas Gylys to allow people in New York City and Dublin to interact with each other.** Despite the initial bad press the installation has apparently been a huge success on both sides of the Atlantic.

Josie reminded us that Summer is gone with a photo of her last Sunflower and submitted another photo that filled me with nostalgia, her two grandchildren picking blackberries. While the crop seems to be abundant this year the berries have been ripening a bit late because of the Summer we have had.



The photo reminded me of my own childhood and also put in mind Seamus Heany's beautiful poem "Blackberry-Picking".

Donal sent us a number of photos taken along the river Tarn , in particular the town of Albi which is located about 85km north-east of Toulouse. The episcopal city, around the cathedral was added to the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 2010 for its unique architecture and the UNESCO site includes the Musée-Toulouse-Lautrec, dedicated to the artist who was born in Albi. The museum is located in the 13<sup>th</sup> century building that was originally the bishop's palace.

*Stay safe until next week!*

