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Sunday 5th April 2026

Happy Easter!

Easter is what it is all about in the Christian faith. Christmas is the beginning of the great story, as is the birth of any child. Birth brings unknown hope and life yet to unfold into fruition. Easter has seen the true life of Jesus from infancy, as he lived as part of a family with Mary and Joseph, preparing him to go through the very challenging mission of sharing the message of the Kingdom of God to ultimately arrive at resurrection after horrendous suffering.

Jesus, as God made man, gave the example of how to live life fully with all the normal complexities and challenges of relationships, the opportunities to reach out to others in friendship and healing and the resilience to make even the most awful circumstances matter and have a hopeful outcome. Life is certainly full of peaks and lows for everyone and for those with Christian faith, we gain hope from the triumph of Jesus in the resurrection. We all know we will rise out of whatever challenges arrive in our path, even though that can be very difficult at many times.



Hope is the great gift of Easter! Hope that good will triumph when the right thing is done in any situation! Hope that we can make a difference! Hope that we will be united with God through the sharing in the Easter resurrection when the end of our lives comes. Hope that we will arrive at the end of each day with peace in our hearts!

The wonderful cycle of nature reflects hope as we hear the birds chirping in the early mornings as they go about their business of building or reinforcing nests ready to home new life again. The buds are bursting out of the trees at speed and beautiful blossoms line our roads and motorways as we travel. The bright mornings and evenings beckon us out of the snugness of our homes to have more opportunity to encounter one another and move our limbs into a greater state of health.

Happy Easter to all readers. May we each experience a deep sense of hope this season and may we be living hope for anyone whom we encounter. We can each make a difference, even if it is only through a smile or acknowledgement of someone. May the peace of Christ fill the hearts of each one this season. May we break open many Easter eggs in good company!

*Cathy Burke,
Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Our office will operate the usual opening hours over Easter.

The CIPS phone service will be closed on Good Friday the 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April.

HELPLINES

Samaritans – Would it help to talk to someone? Free to call 116 123. 24 hour confidential line. Email Jo@samaritans.ie

Pieta - 24 hour Crisis Helpline – 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444

AWARE – your supporting light through anxiety, depression or bipolar disorder
Free phone – 1800 80 48 48 or 01 524 0360 – support line is available 7 days a week from 10 am to 10 am. Email – supportmail@aware.ie

Women's Aid – Free phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – 1800 341 900
Email – helpline@womensaid.ie

Men's Aid – Phone 01 554 3811 - 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Email – hello@mensaid.ie

Dublin Rape Crisis Centre (RCC) national helpline 1800 77 88 88

Seniorline – National telephone service for older people
1800 80 45 91 – 10 am to 10 pm every day.

Alone – phone 0818 22 20 24 8 am to 8 pm 7 days a week.

Childline – phone 1800 66 66 66 – 24 hours a day, every day.

Parentline – 01 873 3500. It's ok to ask for help – helplines are open Monday to Thursday 10 am to 9 pm and Fridays 10 am to 7 pm.

Focus Ireland – Changing homelessness, changing lives.
Phone – 01 881 5900. www.focusireland.ie

AA – Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholicsanonymous.ie

To speak to an AA member call 01 842 0700 and press option 1 when asked to do so.

Email - gso@alcoholicsanonymous.ie

GA – Gamblers Anonymous

Call 01 – 872 1133

087 262 2804 (10am to 10 pm)

SVP – Society of St Vincent de Paul

phone 01 884 8200. Email – info@svp.ie

Bodywhys – The eating disorders association of Ireland. National helpline -01 210 7906

Email Alex@bodywhys.ie

Family Carers Ireland

National Carers Ireland – National Freephone Careline. 1800 24 07 24

The Alzheimer's Society of Ireland

Alzheimer's National Helpline – 1800 341 341

Threshold - Provides free and confidential advice to renters with housing problems.
Phone 1800 454 454

Do you need help controlling your gambling?

Since February 2026, you cannot use credit cards to pay for gambling.

The law now says:

Children cannot gamble or work for gambling businesses.

ATM machines cannot be used in gambling venues (unless specifically allowed).

You can set limits on how much money you gamble online or remotely.

If your gambling is affecting you, your family or friends, you can:

Hide online gambling ads on your social media.

Use ad-block software to block gambling advertisers through Google.

Set up a gambling block with your bank.

Set up software to block gambling on your device.

Exclude yourself from gambling companies (for a set time or forever).

More information on our website.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Chair Yoga is starting 9th April.

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, every Thursdays at 11.30am.

New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there, Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

Below: Some members went to "The Falls Hotel" in Ennistymon for a short break and played some card, dancing, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Happy Easter to all our Readers in Lucan and all over the world! We hope all have a lovely weekend, and are looking forward to the bright summer days from now on.

AI – Have you noticed how when you google something, AI pops up (while it's thinking), and gives some facts. Then just at the bottom of the piece you see – "*AI responses may include mistakes*".

Seems AI can only provide the information already online.....

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: April 11th, 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2026 dates:

May 9th (later start), June 13th and July 12th.

Kindly sponsored by:

SuperValu
Lucan



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa



**St. Mary's
Parish Office
& Centre is
closed until
Monday
13th April**

Interesting times ahead for the Boys in Green!

A week back, they were unlucky to lose to Czechia on penalties, after a tremendous effort. Last Tuesday it was another draw v North Macedonia, but it was good to see some new talent was on display. At long last a lad with Lucan roots has got a place in the squad – Congratulations to **Millenic Alli**, who passed through the juvenile ranks at Esker Celtic. He didn't get on the pitch last Tuesday, but he is waiting in the wings!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Good Friday:

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion; this includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

8pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3pm

9pm: Easter Vigil:

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday:

Masses: **9am, 10.30am, and 12 noon.**

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday: 10am

All Services will be live-streamed on
www.lucanparish.com

Fr. Bill, Fr Ubaldo and Fr Pius and Deacon John together with Sr. Geraldine, our Parish Sister and Cathy, our Parish Catechist join with the Parish Pastoral Council in wishing all our parishioners every Blessing and Joy of the Easter Season 2026.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Joe Byrne**, Beech Park.
May he rest in peace.



Christian Meditation

*Wishing you all a
Happy and Blessed
Easter.
Keep on praying!*

Sr Geraldine.



Divine Mercy Tridium

'Blessed are the Merciful'



Friday 10th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy Novena Prayer.
Celebrant: Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 11th April 2026 at 6pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy Novena Prayer.
Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 12th April 2026

2.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Priests available for confession from **1.45pm**

3.00pm Prayers

3.30pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with **Relics of St Faustina**

**Venue: Church of Divine Mercy
Lucan South - Balgaddy**

All are invited to come and especially on Divine Mercy Sunday as Jesus told St. Faustina that "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy."
(Diary 139) A wonderful blessing from the Lord.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 13th April

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Good Friday:

12pm: Stations of the Cross for children

3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

8pm: Stations of the Cross with guided meditation.

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: 11am to 12pm and 2pm to 3pm

9pm: Easter Vigil

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

Easter Sunday:

Masses: **9am, 10.30am and 12 noon**

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Services will be live-streamed at

stpatrickslucan.ie

*Fr Bill, Fr John,
Fr Ubaldo, Fr Pius and Deacon John,
Cathy, our Parish Catechist join with
the Parish Pastoral Council in wishing
all our parishioners every Blessing and
Joy of the Easter Season 2026.*

Ecumenical Way of the Cross

Good Friday, 3rd April: 12pm



Departing St Mary's processing to Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland Churches.

Do Join Us!

Ecumenical Dawn Service

Easter Sunday Morning

5th April at 7am

Hermitage Golf Club
(by kind permission)

All Welcome



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Confessions:

Monday to Friday: After all Masses and Ceremonies

Saturday 4th: 10am - 1pm and 6pm - 7pm

Good Friday:

12pm: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

8pm: Reading of the Passion

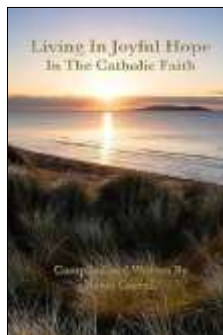
Holy Saturday:

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Masses: 10.30am and 12pm.

All services will be live-streamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net



"Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith"

Some time ago a group of parishioners began a two year project studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The project was in response to Pope Benedict's call to all Catholics to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the faith during the Year of the Faith.

In 2015 the group's work and findings were summarised and published in a book for private circulation entitled "Waiting in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith". This was made freely available to parishioners of St Mary's parish.

Many found it informative and helpful, so in the year 2024 it was decided to formally publish an enhanced version and make it more widely available. The title of the book was changed to "**Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith**". The book is an easy to read summary of the Catholic faith, its origin, and its teachings and how it gives joyful meaning to life.

The book can be borrowed from Lucan, Clondalkin and some other public libraries or can be ordered online and on Kindle.

K. Carroll (leader of the project)

Acknowledgement



Anthony (Tony) Murray

Dear friends and neighbours,
I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your kindness, support and thoughtfulness during a recent difficult time following my husband's passing. Your comforting words, gestures and willingness to help have been a true source of strength, at this the saddest of times.

Bernie Murray

Anniversaries

Anne Fitzgerald,

6th Anniversary, 7th April 2026

Late Dodsboro and Woodview Lucan
Remembering our Mam to-day
We miss you, not once in a while
But every minute of every day
We miss your smile, your beautiful soul
We miss you in the quiet moments
And in crowded rooms filled with laughter
But most of all, we miss the joy
You brought into our world
We miss you.....A lot

*Missed dearly, your daughter Pamela,
son Christopher and grand-daughter
Roxy-Amber also sister Bernie and Brother Bo.*



Kathleen Monaghan,

1st Anniversary, 6th April

I thought of you today, but that was nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday,
And the days before that too.

I think of you in silence,
and I often speak your name.
All I have now are my memories,
And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake, from which I'll never part.
God has you in His arms, and I have you in my heart.

*Missed and loved so much your loving
son David and daughter in law Sharon*



Kathleen Monaghan

In loving memory of our wonderful Nanny

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small,
To have you as our Nanny, was the greatest gift of all.
May the winds of love blow softly,
And whisper in your ear,
"We love and miss you Nanny,
And wish that you were here"

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept to love
And cherish, not forget.
No more tomorrow's we can share
But yesterdays are always there.
A silent thought, A secret tear,
Keeps your memory, ever near, In our heart forever.

*Missed and loved so much your loving
grandchildren, Jake, Luke, Faye.*



Dorothy Moore,

25th Anniversary, 4th April 2026

Late of Dodsboro

We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.

Leaving us was so sudden,
We will always wonder why,
But the hardest part of all,
Was that we never said goodbye.

We think about you always,
We talk about you still,
You have never been forgotten,
And you never ever will.
Sadly missed by all your family.

Dan Rogers,

4th Anniversary, 2nd April

In loving memory of a much loved and missed husband
Dan. Missed so much your caring and loving ways.

Late of Woodview Heights
Remember me with smiles not tears,
For all the joy, through all the years.
Recall a closeness that was ours,
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,
We'll see each other once again,
I am at peace... try to believe,
It was my time... I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here,
I see your face, I feel you near.
I follow you throughout the day,
You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you...
You will be, right by my side...
Right here with me.
Till then, I'll wait by Heaven's door,
We'll be united... evermore.
You always told the truth,
Love never dies, and I know ours won't
Missing you so much sweetheart.
Keep watching over me.
My love forever
Your loving wife Mary, xxxxxx

Marie Weldon,

6th Anniversary, 2nd April

If roses grow in Heaven Lord
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our Mother's arms
And tell her they are from us
Tell her we love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for a while
Because remembering her is easy
We do it every day

But there is an ache within our hearts
That will never go away.
*Always remembered by her loving family Ann, Larry,
Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda, Kara and families.*

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan Lions Club Family Easter Mile

We are holding our first ever Lucan Lions Club Family Easter Mile on the Lucan Harriers track on Easter Sunday morning 5 April from 10.00 am to 11.00 am.



1MILE
WALK/JOG/RUN
BURN THOSE EASTER EGGS
BFFS!

LUCAN LIONS EASTER MILE
EASTER SUNDAY
5 APRIL, 2026
10AM-11AM
REGISTRATION ON THE DAY!
DONATIONS WELCOME!

@lucanlionsclub

LUCAN HARRIERS
TRACK, NEWCASTLE
ROAD, LUCAN, K78
V5W6

email: lucanlionsclub@gmail.com
contact: Will Byrne, 086 8047839
Eileen O'Brien, 088 0750008

There is no need to pre-register. Just turn up to this fun family event and participants can walk, jog or run. All donations will be welcome on the day.

Mattie McCabe



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 13th April at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

AONTAS TABLE QUIZ

Friday, 17th April, 2026
8.00pm sharp
in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Function Room.

QUIZ NIGHT

This is a special fundraiser for Aontas Choir to travel to the Philippines, - in July to:-

- Volunteer in supporting programmes that protect and empower vulnerable children.
- Volunteer in children's homes and villages in the Aeta indigenous communities.
- Support sustainable development and community wellbeing initiatives.
- Work in Tacloban, an area severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, which people are still recovering from.
- We will be working to support local primary schools in feeding programmes, tree planting initiatives, school maintenance, wellbeing initiatives and career talks and classes.

Table of 4: €40

Raffle on the night for spot prizes. Please Support.



Anam Cara

Supporting Parents After Bereavement

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 14 April
7pm - 8.30pm
For all bereaved parents

register at <https://bit.ly/4sMpsKA>

GUEST SPEAKER: BRYAN NOLAN

Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years.

FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL BEREAVED PARENTS, REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN BEREAVED, AGE OF THEIR CHILD OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATH.

CONTACT US
info@anamcara.ie 01 4045378 806
www.anamcara.ie 028 9521 3120 M

Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown camera club had our monthly competition on Wednesday the 25th of March in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. The theme was "Activity".



The winner in **novice** was Mairead Harrington.

Intermediate: James Grandfield -Liam Ó Daliagh, David Barrett, Annie Whitley, Gerry Cahill.

Advanced: Lorraine Morris, Orla Brady, Robert Francis, Nina Butler, Brenda Hartley and Frank Delaney.

And the **Image of the Month** went to Lorraine Morris.

Well done everyone. Palmerstown Camera Club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10pm in Palmerstown Parish Centre.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.

Dolly Parton, Singer-Songwriter

Lucan Drama

The Beauty Queen of Leenane is, like all great plays, about many things but in this particular great play the emphasis is on the relationship between a mother, Mag, played by Bernie Edgeworth and Maureen, her adult daughter, who is played by Catherine Collins.

Under the direction of Jacqueline Carroll this Martin McDonagh drama is at times hilarious, touching and devastatingly heart breaking.

The production runs from April 13th to 16th upstairs in Courtney's of Lucan and tickets are now available at www.gr8events.ie Play only and dinner/play tickets are available.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

All I need to know I learned from the Easter Bunny!

Don't put all your eggs in one basket.

Everyone needs a friend who is all ears.

Some body parts should be floppy.

All work and no play can make you a basket case.

Let happy thoughts multiply like rabbits.

Everyone is entitled to have a bad 'bare' day.

Keep your paws off other people's jelly beans.



Spring in Dodsboro Woods



*All in the April evening
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
passed me by on the road.....*

The above image is mindful of Katherine Tynan's beautiful Easter poem – Sheep and Lambs.

The inscription on the back of this photograph reads: '*Spring - Dodsboro Wood 1933*'. The wood was situated in the area of the present Millstream Road and Woodview Estate, and bordered Lucan Golf Club and the old Celbridge Road.

It was of a time when Lucan was regarded as a rural village on the very outskirts of Dublin, a far cry from the built-up area of 2026.

Visitors to the Spa and the Demesne would have enjoyed many such views on their travels, the trundle of the passing tram, and the odd motor car, the only intrusion into this otherwise quiet idyllic setting.



Photos by Holly Exley who lived in Dodsboro, very close to this wood back then.

More Faces of Lucan



Some more Faces of Lucan from our archives.....

From top L-R: Mary and Tom Carroll, Mrs. Kelly and Emma O'Flynn, Aidan Leonard, Anne Gilmore and Mary Douglas, Brendan and Kay Broderick, Lucan Drama's Marie Cowley, Agnes McMahon and Sheila Corrigan, Brendan Nolan, Simon Cunningham, Maria Murphy, Joe Murphy.

Sadly, some of the above are no longer with us, but it's nice to remember them....

Who remembers this picture from their school catechism?



Jesus rises from the dead

The green covered **A Catechism of Catholic Doctrine** was introduced to the primary schools of Ireland in 1951, and contained questions numbered up to 438, which had to be learned off, word for word, and these questions would also come into play at Confirmation time.

The book was interspersed with illustrations like the one above, and unintentionally, provided hours of colouring-in for many pupils.

“Call Adam Tell Eve Christopher Higgins Is Selling Milk!”

That’s how kids learned to spell ‘Catechism’!

The Easter Question!

“104. Did Christ rise from the dead?”

On Easter Sunday, the third day after his death, Christ arose, body and soul, glorious and triumphant, from the dead.”

Incidentally, the first question was:

“Who made the world?”

God made the world?”

The questions got harder as we moved up the classes, often including words which no child knew the meaning of.....

Different times.....



The Patient Volunteer Service commenced in September 2024. The service has been tremendously positive and has had a huge impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital.

The Service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James’s Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding/walking with a patient to their clinic destination.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: teamvolunteer@stjames.ie



Woodland Blue Bells in April

APRIL MID TERM



Eventbrite will open exactly a week before the event at the same time as the event starts.

Library Crafts for Crafty Kids! for ages 6-10. Wednesday 08th April at 3.30pm: Easter Crafts with Library staff

Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12. Thursday 09th April for 9-12 at 3.30pm



ADULT EVENTS

Regular Events:

No booking is required for the below events – all are welcome to attend!

Lucan Library Knitters Club, new members welcome. Meeting Tuesday 7th April due to the Easter Bank Holiday.



Lucan Library Creative Writers Group Thursdays 09th and 30th April from 10am – 12noon:

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults. Tuesday 07th April at 6.30pm: All levels welcome.

“What's the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 11th April at the slightly different time of 11am: Email Aine at Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie



Additional Adult Events

New: Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on 08th and 22nd of April. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 24th April from 5.30: all welcome

Patternmaking Course: Over 3 Saturdays; 11th, 18th, 25th at 1.30pm. Book on Eventbrite from 04th April, participants are asked to attend all 3 weeks.

Call For Volunteers: Volunteers wanted for a new English Conversation Group. Training will be provided by Fáilte Isteach. Please contact library staff for details by emailing us at lucanlibrary@sdublincoco.ie



Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 27th April at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 29th at 7.00pm

Read and Eat Cook Book Club: Thursday 16th April at 10.30am

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite. Events for Younger Children:

Friday 10th and 17th of April at 10.00am:

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets twice monthly. No need to book.

Reflexology for Babies and Parents. Wednesday 17th of April at 10am:

Musical Tots with Karen! Tuesday 28th of April: Switching to Tuesday at 10.30 just for April.

Storytime Every Monday at 3pm – Changing to Mondays. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite from each previous Monday at 3pm.

NEURODIVERSE EVENTS

Friday 10th April and Friday 24th from 12noon-4.00pm: **Sensory Afternoons.** Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Booking on Eventbrite from 10th April

Thursday 16th April at 6.30pm: **Talk on Developing Self Esteem, Self-Contentment and Resilience in Our Children:** Booking on Eventbrite from 09th April.

Friday 17th of April at 10am: **Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children** with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner.

EXHIBITIONS

Kids art exhibition from Octopus Art School
Art exhibition by Mariia Bodnar
April 13-May 04th

Closed from Good Friday 2nd until Easter Monday 6th April inclusive.

Lucan Darkness Into Light

to take place in
St. Catherine's Park at
4.15am on Saturday 9th
May.



Darkness Into Light 2026, proudly supported by Electric Ireland, is Pieta's biggest fundraiser. Your local 5km walk will take place at 4:15 a.m. on Saturday, 9th of May, 2026 in St. Catherine's Park, Lucan and will raise vital funds for the charity for suicide and self-harm prevention.

The funds raised through Darkness Into Light supports Pieta's lifesaving free services to people in our community that have been affected by suicide or self-harm. This inspiring event also symbolises hope, as communities like ours come together to support mental health, suicide and self-harm prevention.

Register now by visiting www.darknessintolight.ie and selecting Lucan. You could also keep an eye out for us in Lucan Shopping Centre where we'll be encouraging people to sign up for the walk. This year is going to be even bigger and better than last year and we look forward to raising vital funds for Pieta.

Easter Quiz

1. Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?
2. How many marzipan balls are traditionally on a simnel cake?
3. What is the tradition behind the hot cross bun?
4. Where is Easter Island located?
5. Why does the date of Easter change every year?
6. When did Cadbury make their first Easter egg?
7. What was the name of the Café in Lucan that burned down on Easter Sunday morning 1967



Answers on page 18

Irish Cancer Society

We are recruiting
Volunteer Drivers in your area!

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community.

Why Volunteer?
Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed resulting in a hugely rewarding volunteer experience for you.

What is required?
If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Full training will be provided.

I absolutely love volunteer driving – meeting new people all the time, having a chat and helping ease their burden at the same time is a great feeling - Pauline

Does this sound like you?
For more information or to become a volunteer driver, scan the QR code or contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

Operation Smile

I am writing on behalf of **Operation Smile Ireland**, a charity that many parishes across Ireland have so generously supported over the years. At Easter, we are always mindful of the kindness and solidarity shown by parish communities, and we wished to gently remind you that we are here — and that our work depends entirely on the goodness of others, as we do not receive Government funding.

Operation Smile provides free, life-changing surgery and ongoing care to children born with **cleft lip and cleft palate**. These conditions affect a child's ability to eat, speak, hear, and be accepted socially. In many parts of the world, families simply cannot access the surgery their child urgently needs. Through the dedication of volunteer medical professionals and the generosity of supporters, Operation Smile works to ensure that a child's chance at health does not depend on where they are born. This is part of our commitment to global healthcare equity and to restoring dignity, confidence, and opportunity to children and families.

*Clodagh Judge,
Country Director, Operation Smile Ireland*



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 26th March lotto jackpot of €9,000. The numbers drawn were **12, 16, 18 & 21**. **Lucky dips** go to Carey, Bridie Burke, Claire Irvine, Eileen Maguire, Barry Doherty. This week's Lotto on Thursday 2nd April will be for a jackpot of €9,400 where we will also have 5 Easter Eggs up for grabs as well as the lucky dips!! This draw is sponsored by McDonald Property and will be led by Mary Flannery.



Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Easter Sunday

Live Music at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club
Get ready for a Rebel Rousing Easter Sunday as The Weafer Brothers take to the stage at 10pm live at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club on Sunday 5th April 2026. Bring your friends, bring your singing voice, and get ready for a brilliant night of live music and great atmosphere!



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

The Lucan Sarsfield's Annual Fundraising Golf Classic will take place at Lucan Golf Club on Friday, 19th June 2026. A four-person team is €450 which includes a round of golf, a goodie bag and meal. Great prizes on the day for Best Team Score, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Hole-in-One, 2's Competition and Putting Green Competition. This year we are proud to partner with our chosen charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young www.cry.ie

We recognise and greatly appreciate the continued support of those who regularly contribute and attend this fundraising event. If you would like to enter a team, sponsor the event in any capacity, donate a prize, or join the Golf Classic Committee please contact a member of the committee.

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Fantasy Golf – Senior/Inter Hurling Fundraiser

Lucan Sarsfields Hurling Fantasy Golf Fundraiser
Select your team for The US Masters @ Augusta, April 9th to 12th
Guaranteed Prize Fund - €1,200. This is a Fundraiser for our Senior & Intermediate Hurling Teams to help prepare for Championships. How it works - €20 per entry. Pick a team of 6 golfers (1 from each tier). Your best 4 scores count towards your team total. Golfers that don't make the cut or don't finish get a score of 80 for each incomplete round (Playoff holes don't count.). Enter your team online at:



<http://www.easyofficepools.com/join/?p=465361&e=czeu>. Pay €20 via Revolut to Bernie Stapleton 087 2782115 (@bernie9yrq). (include your name, mobile number and your teams name). Or pay €20 cash directly to Paul Stapleton
Closing date is Wednesday 8th of April at midnight. Entries without payment won't be counted – don't miss out! Thanks for your continuing support!

Bereavement Notices

The death has occurred of **Joe Byrne**, Father to Joey Byrne (Lead Mentor - Under 9 Girls), Father-in-Law to Mairead and Grandfather to Nicole (Under 9 Girls), Clara and Cillian (Academy). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Joes wife Margaret, Joey, Mairead, Nicole, Clara, Cillian, and the extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

The death has occurred of **Paddy Sweeney**, Father to Roisin Sweeney, Father-in-Law to Colm Farrell (Vice Chairperson and Manager - Junior Hurling) and Grandfather to Pearse (Junior Hurling), Liam (Junior Hurling) and Colm (Minor Hurling). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Roisin, Colm, Pearse, Liam, Colm and the extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Academy. Our academy is back and is open to all boys and girls aged between 4-7. The academy runs every Saturday – no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try.
Age group times are as follows; 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am and 2019 – 11am.

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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World Autism Month 2026:

April is Autism Awareness Month, offering an important opportunity to reflect on how we can all help create more understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for autistic people in our communities.

I was delighted to recently launch AsIAM's new Community Support Hub in Swift's Alley, Dublin, created in partnership with the HSE. This warm and welcoming walk-in space offers practical everyday supports and a genuine chance to connect with others for people of all ages. For more info, contact CSH2@asiam.ie or 01 263 1070.

Applications for the Basic Income for the Arts open on 15th April:

The scheme will support 2,000 professional artists with a weekly payment of €325, helping them focus on developing their practice. Recently graduated artists from 2024–2025 are also encouraged to apply. Deadline to apply is 12th May. Visit gov.ie for more info.



Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Castle Road Pedestrian Crossing (Colthurst Estate):

Residents raised concerns regarding the new pedestrian crossing including poor visibility for drivers. The council confirmed both Belisha beacon lights are working correctly, including brightness. In response to the visibility issues raised, the Council committed to re-aligning the public lighting at this crossing to improve safety for pedestrians and drivers.

Community Services Programme (CSP):

An Open Call under the CSP is now live, offering funding opportunities for community organisations and social enterprises that deliver local services and create employment in targeted areas. Two online information sessions to support prospective applicants take place on Wednesday, 8 April. Further details and registration:

<https://www.pobal.ie/programmes/community-services-programme-csp/>

South Dublin Local Community Safety Partnership:

A public meeting will take place in May (date to be confirmed). In the meantime, please contact me if you have any community safety concerns.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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DART South West:

I have written to the Minister seeking clarification on the deferral of DART+ South West. Given the scale of development across Lucan, Adamstown and Clonburris this decision requires transparency. I will continue to press for answers and keep the community updated.

Endometriosis:

I have tabled a question to the HSE seeking clarity on the delivery of the recently announced education programme. It is vital that awareness and understanding of endometriosis is increased. I have requested detail on rollout, resources and engagement and that workshops be delivered locally in Lucan.

Dog Training:

My motion to explore dog training classes for the Lucan area was discussed and passed. I will continue to investigate opportunities to bring these into the community.

As always, if you have an issue, you would like me to raise as an agenda item please get in touch.

The Power of One

*One song can spark a moment,
One whisper can wake the dream,
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.*

*One smile begins a friendship,
One moment can make one fall in luv.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.*

*One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam can light a room,
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.*

*One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true,
One life can make a difference,
You see, it's up to you!*

Author Unknown.

Low Rail Capacity

Rail in Dublin has a capacity problem due to low and high usage. At morning peak the inward trains are full due to high demand, the outward trips have little demand and have low usage.



The usage of these lines are reversed at evening peak. The whole system works out at about half full. This low capacity can be greatly improved by linking up the existing rail lines in orbital form. This is done by building a new Dart rail line from Donabate to Blanchardstown, Now All the Dublin rail lines will be Dart. One example of how these rail lines would work.

The low usage at morning peak on the outward Dundalk rail line can now be used to access the Airport for flights and work and for work in the areas of Swords, Ballymun, Finglas and Blanchardstown. It also reduces users taking up seats unnecessary who must come into the centre to go back out to the destinations already mentioned. With this option more people would gladly change over to rail. This solution applies to the other rail lines as well. This can double the efficiency and capacity of city rail. This simple solution is needed with so many houses planned especially in Lucan.

Trains are already operating on these lines at very low usage. Just put in this missing rail link to suit the users and these rail lines will be well used.

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Easter Quiz Answers

1 Germany. 2 Eleven (for the Apostles, Judas is not included). 3 In memory of the Crucifixion. 4 The South Pacific. 5 Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21st (*Spring Equinox*). It will always fall between March 22nd and April 25th. In 2027, Easter Sunday will fall on 28 March. 6 1875. 7 The Kangaroo (where AIB car park is now).

Farmleigh

Due to Ireland holding the EU Presidency in 2026, the usual Farmleigh Food & Craft Market and associated public Easter events are cancelled. However, the grounds remain open and guided tours are available daily (weather depending).



Tours: Guided outdoor tours of the estate run daily at 11.30 am and 2.30pm.

Tickets: Complimentary tickets for tours can be collected at the visitor hub in the courtyard.

Castletown – Celbridge

Celebrate Easter 2026 at Castletown House and Parklands, with a Children’s Easter Crafts Workshop on April 4th (10.30 am & 2.30pm) and a Family Fun Easter Bonnet Parade on Easter Monday (2pm-3pm) in the Biodiversity Garden.

Key Easter Highlights at Castletown:

- **Children’s Easter Crafts Workshop:** Scheduled for Saturday 4th April 2026. Free, but booking is required by emailing castletown@opw.ie



- **Family Fun Easter Bonnet Parade:** Held on Easter Monday in the Biodiversity Garden from 2pm – 3pm, with prizes for best bonnets.



- **Family Fun Days:** Occasionally held in the parklands, (similar to planned 2025 events), often featuring heritage themes.
- **Parklands & Walks:** The extensive parklands are free to explore daily from dawn to dusk, ideal for families and dog walking (dogs on leads).
- **Tours:** The main house reopens for guided tours, offering a glimpse into Irish History.
- **Nearby Activity:** An Easter Art Camp is held at the nearby Slip Hall in Celbridge April 2nd – 3rd.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week the back page includes some of the results of last week's most enjoyable workshop on still life photography held under the direction of Donal. The genre of Still Life gives photographers more leeway in the composition of photographs compared to landscapes or portraits. It also forces the photographer to take the camera off automatic and explore the effects of different settings (shutter speed, aperture, ISO etc.) on the end result. The Bunny Rabbit was submitted by Michael G. All the rest are Donal's.



Joe submitted a selection of photos including the annual display of Wood Anemone in St. Edmundsbury. Taking photos of it in flower at that location is always a beautiful sensory experience. Not alone is the scene beautiful to look at but the smell of the plants is also beautiful!

He also submitted a photo of a deer in the Phoenix Park.



His third photo is of the relatively new Criminal Courts of Justice building in Parkgate Street which we passed by every day when the buses through Lucan went along Parkgate Street. It is hard to believe that the building was officially opened over 16 years ago, in January 2010, by the then President, Mary McAleese. It replaced the Four Courts and other buildings as the location for most criminal matters before the Dublin Metropolitan District Court and Dublin Circuit Court.

Happy Easter and stay safe until next week!