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New Life in Springtime

On Easter Sunday morning it was raining at 6.00am as I stirred to go to the ecumenical sunrise service at the Hermitage golf club. Only prior commitment to other people motivated me from a horizontal position after a late night at the Easter vigil. The time change added to the pain. As always, it was worth the effort to start this new season of Easter, Spring and extended evening brightness watching the layered light and glowing colour rise in the east from a light veil of cloud and singing in praise to God.

Spring starts on 1 February according to the calendar of season, yet as nothing more than the brave snowdrops are willing to push their heads above ground along with the hardened furze (gorse, whin) flowers I prefer to see the real arrival on the last Sunday of March. The daffodils bring the colour of sunshine up from the ground while the arrival of lambs in shelter and on the hills announces a new cycle of life for the animal kingdom. Easter morning did feel like Spring as nature abounds with a freshness.

All new life depends on a letting go from another place of energy: the flower bulbs and corms feed the flowers and diminish in themselves; human and animal new life depends on taking nourishment from the resources of the mother; while the brightness of the season grows from diminishing darkness. In any life form, an older generation or form of being diminishes/dies to make space for the new generation. Darkness diminished on Easter morning to let the light shine through.

For those who bounce happily and unfettered into the new and beautiful season it is easy to bask happily. However, for those who arrive at this time having experienced a bereavement (seemingly untimely, perhaps) or carrying the weight of illness or struggling with a heavy responsibility, depression...the days can seem too long with no shade in which to hide!

In general, we move quickly along with little time taken to pause with one another. If we are to carry those who are struggling currently in our community, often quietly and with a strained smile, we need to take that extra moment to look one another in the eye and beyond the smiles. There is a depth in eye contact that is knowing for the giver and known to the recipient and can offer a place of acknowledgment, refuge or comfort. We, each, are the greatest source of light for one another bringing the ground level blooms and the sun poured light to merge in our encounters with one another. The most incidental of chance meetings can have the most profound effects if we are truly present in the moment and to one another.

For those alive with hope and energy may they be willing to share their store of energy, hope and light where needed in families, friendship groups, workplaces and local community. For those needing energy and hope may they be open to receiving from sources which are life giving for them currently. For all, may we trust that we may find a healthy equilibrium where new life and new hope may blossom for all when the time is right. It's OK to be OK and it's equally OK not to be OK! It's all part of the process of life. May new life grow in our community as we move in gentle companionship.

Cathy Burke, 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

The United Nations World Health Day falls on 7th April every year.

Public Holidays

There are 10 public holidays in Ireland each year (increased from 9 in 2022).

Public holidays may commemorate a special day or other event, for example, Saint Patrick's Day (17 March) or Christmas Day (25 December).

Since 2023, there has been a new annual public holiday in early February to mark St Brigid's Day. The public holiday is the first Monday in February, except where St Brigid's Day (1 February) happens to fall on a Friday, in which case Friday 1 February will be a public holiday.

On a public holiday, sometimes called a bank holiday, most businesses and schools close. Other services (for example, public transport) still operate but often have restricted schedules.

Dates of public holidays

New Year's Day (1 January)

First Monday in February, or 1 February if the date falls on a Friday

Saint Patrick's Day (17 March)

Easter Monday

First Monday in May

First Monday in June

First Monday in August

Last Monday in October

Christmas Day (25 December)

Saint Stephen's Day (26 December)

Public Holiday dates in Ireland

| 2024 | 2025 |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1 January | 1 January |
| 5 February | 3 February |
| 17 March | 17 March |
| 1 April | 21 April |
| 6 May | 5 May |
| 3 June | 2 June |
| 5 August | 4 August |
| 28 October | 27 October |
| 25 December | 25 December |
| 26 December | 26 December |

Good Friday is not a public holiday. While some schools and businesses close on that day, you have no automatic entitlement to time off work on that day.

Public holidays and your entitlements

Most employees are entitled to paid leave on public holidays. Full-time workers have immediate entitlement to benefit for public holidays and part-time workers have entitlement to benefit when they have worked a total of 40 hours in the previous 5 weeks. Read about 'Part-time employees' on our website.

If you qualify for public holiday benefit, you are entitled to one of the follow

You can ask your employer at least 21 days before a public holiday, which of the alternatives will apply. If your employer does not respond at least 14 days before the public holiday, you are entitled to take the actual public holiday as a paid day off.

Your public holiday entitlements are set out in the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997. You can also read about the appropriate rate of daily pay in the Organisation of Working Time (Determination of Pay For Holidays) Regulations (SI 475/1997).

More information

You can find out more about public holidays on the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) website.

You can also contact the WRC's Information and Customer Service:

Workplace Relations Commission - Information and Customer Service, O'Brien Road, Carlow R93 E920

Opening Hours: Mon. to Fri. 9.30am to 1pm, 2pm to 5pm

Tel: (059) 917 8990. Locall: 0818 80 80 90

Homepage: <https://www.workplacelrelations.ie/en/>

Build for the Boys!

Family 5K event which is taking place this year in the Phoenix Park on Saturday, April 20th.

This event is part of our ongoing fundraising campaign to build a future for Conor (Age 8) and Dean (age 7) - two young Lucan brothers who were diagnosed in recent years with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - a rare, muscle wasting, degenerative condition that has no cure.

More information about our cause and the boys' condition can be found at www.buildfortheboys.ie

From 11am on April 20th, there will be a 5K Race (Chip timing by www.justrunsevents.ie) followed by a family 5K circuit and live entertainment from Ireland's favourite Ukulele band - The Walkeleles!

SuperValu Lucan are sponsoring the event; and we have a range of fantastic family passes to be won on the day - donated by FORT LUCAN, DUBLIN ZOO and more.

The 5K will be listed on the Run Ireland calendar and registration for the event is via our website (buildfortheboys.ie) or Justrunsevents.ie

Every euro raised will help us to build a future for Conor and Dean. A future in which we will make every effort to ensure that this life-limiting condition does not limit their dignity and their joy for living.

Lucan ICA

Monday 8th April: Craft

Group meet as usual 10am till 12.30pm

Tea Hostesses: Ann Byrne and Nuala Corbett.



We remember Linda Ruane on her 1st Anniversary today 8th April. May her soul rest in peace.

Monday 15th April: The **Crafty Ladies** will be busy working on their different projects from 10a till 12.30pm.

Tea Hostesses: Marie Trunk and Patricia Harding.

Saturday 20th April: We will have Craft Teacher Eleanor Hewitt to teach us Calico Gardens Embroidery.
Final arrangements later.



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly

Parent Evening, for bereaved parents on **Monday 8th April at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

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. 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



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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Saturdays. (funerals permitting) from 10.30am to 11.30am. *All welcome.*

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

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

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): Meetings are held in the bungalow every **Monday night (excluding bank holidays) between 7.30 and 8.30pm** when we reflect on the following Sunday's gospel. 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 and for our journey to eternal life.

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. This is a return to the practice we had before Covid restrictions.

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

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.

Coffee Dock Open: Every Sunday Morning and weekdays 10am to 12 noon. *All Welcome.*

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Paul Lyons**, Beech Grove and to the wife, family and friends of **Damien Watchorn**, Hillcrest Lawn. *May they rest in peace.*



Medjugorje Mass

In St Mary's Church
8th April at 6.15pm.
(Rosary and Confession at 5.45pm)

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

Growing our Parishes together



Fr. Brian Grogan S.J. is a renowned author and speaker on Spirituality and Ministry. He will be the main speaker of our Day celebrating the Service of our parishes by all our willing volunteers.

The day offers an opportunity to pray, reflect, and share on the challenges posed by the changing circumstances of the church in Ireland.

All Parish Volunteers are invited.

WHERE? - THE SPA HOTEL, LUCAN

**WHEN? - SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 11:00AM-2:00PM
(CONCLUDING WITH LIGHT LUNCH)**

PRE-REGISTER ON: WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

Medjugorje: Every Thursday, in the Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

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.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church. Their works include home visitation and outreach to the poor.

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

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

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

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance).

Divine Mercy Tridium

'Blessed are the Merciful'

Friday 5th April 2024

at 8pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy

Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 6th April 2024

at 6pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy

Novena Prayer

Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 7th April 2024

2.00pm Divine Mercy

Devotions

Priests available for confession

3.00pm Prayers

3.30pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Eamonn Walsh

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



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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at 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: 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.

Anniversaries

JOHN A BEVAN

4th Anniversary - 13th April

Time cannot heal the heartache
Or wipe a silent tear.

It won't remove the memory
Of one we loved so dear.

Missed today and always by Elizabeth and family



BRIDGET BRENNAN

11th Anniversary - 14th April

Late of Cooldrinagh Road, Lucan
Missed always by her loving family and friends.
Bridget always loved her flowers and the garden,
and we think of her fondly at this time of year
with the arrival of Spring.

The years pass quickly but we always cherish the
fond memories that we have of Bridget. Also
remembered, her husband, **Paul Brennan**, RIP.
*Always remembered by Paul, Gerard, Theresa,
Clare and Michael, grandchildren and friends.*

ANNE FITZGERALD

4th Anniversary - 7th April

Late Dodsboro and Woodview, Lucan
Remembering Anne to-day

Fragments of memories
they seem to spin "round & round"

As our hearts travel through
a familiar stomping ground

Dear Mother falling leaves
of memories scatter our path

Start of a new season,
running from grief and sadness

We hear echoes of footsteps,
we'll never be alone

Your path will be ably tendered,
Never overgrown

We found your paved path,
it's clear as far as it can be

Each step a bit easier,

You left your shoes for us to see

With love from daughter Pamela grand-daughter

Roxy Amber, son Chris and sisters Bernie and

Marie and brother Bo



DEANNA (DENA) SLACK

24th Anniversary - 7th April

No matter how life changes

No matter what we do

A special place within our hearts

Is always kept for you

Remembered by her husband John and family



Acknowledgement

EVELYN RYAN

(Kew Park, Lucan)

The Ryan family would like to thank most
sincerely all those who sympathised with them
following the recent passing of Evelyn, an adored
wife, mother, nana, aunt, friend and neighbour.

To Fr Ubaldo Muhindo for celebrating Evelyn's
funeral Mass, as well as assisting with the Liturgy
and prayers. To the funeral team, especially John,
for all his guidance and assistance. To
Cunningham's Funeral Directors for their
professional help. To all those who attended
Evelyn's reposing and funeral, who sent
condolences and cards and to our neighbours and
friends, thank you for all your support at such a
difficult time



Bayside Alpha are hosting a
5-week exploration on Zoom of the
Examen prayer.

It begins **Wednesday, 10th of April,**
7:30pm - 8:30pm.

To join email Paul at
alphabayside@gmail.com

Pilgrimage -

Medjugorje 2024

Pilgrimage departing 15th May 2024.

Spiritual Director: Fr Ray Kelly

7 nights - €750 pps including insurance.

Please contact Pat on 087 2238911 or Marian
Pilgrimages on 01 8788159 and say you are
travelling with Pat.

Esker Active Retirement Association

On Wednesday, we met up for the first time since our trip to Buncrana, and the Easter holiday, so there was lots of chat and exchange of stories. Members enjoyed bowls, scrabble and whist and of course tea coffee and cake.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 10th April in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan Village. New members very welcome.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram (ballyowen_community_centre)

Location: Beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Volunteer Sessions: We are looking for people interested in getting involved in different capacities and are hosting volunteer information sessions in the Centre during April. We've tried to arrange times to suit as many people as possible! Do you have a skill you'd love to share, a group you'd like to organise or just to volunteer?

Come along to learn more:

Tuesday, April 9th, 2pm-3pm

Thursday, April 11th, 10am-11am

Tuesday, April 16th, 7pm-8pm

If you're unable to attend those sessions, send us an email at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Room Booking: We will be moving to an online room booking system in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details! In the meantime, if you would like to book the main meeting hall, call us on the numbers above, or send us an email.

Did you know? Ballyowen Castle Community Centre is home to Women's Collective Ireland (Lucan), Liffey Sound FM, Lucan Citizens Information and Crosscare Lucan. If you'd like to learn more about what those groups do, feel free to reach out and get in touch!

Lucan Records Fair: We're looking forward to hosting the next Lucan Records Fair on Sunday 7 April in the centre, from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Drop in if you can.

Lucan Lions Club

Easter Raffle at SuperValu:

Sincere thanks to SuperValu Lucan for their generous sponsorship of our Easter Raffle. We also want to thank all of the loyal SuperValu customers who supported the Raffle during our presence in the store from Thursday to Saturday last. All of the proceeds raised will be distributed to local worthy causes.

The lucky winners were as follows:

€100 Hampers: Karen Capcarrere, Elsa O'Neill, Fiona Reade, Laura McEneff

€50 Hampers: Ann Keane, C Walshe

New Members: If you are interested in joining the Lucan Lions Club, a registered Charity for over 35 years in Lucan, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 8.00pm in the Lucan Spa Hotel. If interested, potential new members can contact the undersigned.

Mattie McCabe PRO. 087 9006999

www.lucanlionsclub.com



Spring has sprung (maybe!)

The Easter Holidays have been a mixed bag of showers, wind, frost and fog, but it is warming up a bit.

And remember its *April Shower* time!

Have you noticed the 'greening' of Lucan in recent days. It's lovely to see all the bright greens come on the trees in the Demesne and other parklands in the area. Good days ahead.....

We have to commend the Flower Fairies on their beautiful Easter floral arrangements in the local churches. Well done to all involved, and God bless those green fingers!

Dublin Canvas - Summer 2024 - New Callout is now live! Dublin Canvas is currently seeking artists to participate in this Summer's project. Visit <https://www.dublincanvas.com/paint> for further details.

Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**
from **9.30am to 11.30am.**

All Welcome



In between days

Easter almost past
some sun at last
and the birds they sing so sweetly

The Risen Christ
a dawns new light
and the Easter Eggs all eaten

A time to reflect
A time to rest
or some recreation if you please

A Garden of flowers
new buds on the trees
Dotted daffodils, tulips
and busy bees

So what's next
some in between days
of a life much ordinary

Nine months more till Christmas
till we celebrate once again something
truly extraordinary

Between now and then we busy ourselves for the
Summer
a hope of some sun
maybe travel, maybe work, family time or other

There's a moving motion at Easter tide
a busyness that waves over us
Perhaps the time to reflect is now,
in the quiet, the peace and in slumber
Any day now we shall greet Summer and busy
ourselves all over

Goodbye Easter you've been most kind,
in the spiritual sense that is

A hope for the future
A prayer for the troubled
A Hymn for Our Lord
A bandage for our wounded world
A torch for the mind, that's dark at times
A voice that says, be still
all will be well

The in between days that loom ahead I will greet
them all the same

A continued hope for peace
A wishful end to War
A child to survive,
will we ever get to see
as we inevitably
carry on in our own lives
in between all the while.

By Anita O Kearney



Lucan's Public Telephone

In the past few weeks, public telephone kiosks have been removed from villages and towns all over Ireland – there not being much demand for them anymore.



Above is Lucan's first telephone kiosk, just across the road from the demesne entrance beside the present AIB car park. There was another kiosk in the Post Office, but that was only available during business hours.



Who remembers putting pennies into the slot, then dialling the number, and pressing Button A when someone answered?

If there was no reply, you pressed Button B, and your money back dropped down into a return slot.

If you were over-running your time, little beeps would sound, reminding you to put more money in.

A far cry from today's communications.

As most people did not have phones in their houses, they would not have had a directory either and would still need to find phone numbers – problem solved when a directory was left on a shelf in the phone kiosk!

As children, we all learned how to look up a number in this directory which was always in place. Nobody ever removed or vandalised it.

Different times!

Lucan Library – April Events

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

Computer Classes for Adults - Tuesday 16th April at 1.30pm. The new term of Computer Classes for Adults will begin on Tuesday 16th April at 1.30pm. (Registration Day and First Class). The new term of Computer Classes for Adults will begin on Tuesday 16th April at 1.30pm. Please register at the library desk before then to receive your application form.

Eco Week Events for Adults

Tuesday 16th April, 11am. **Workshop for Adults:** Make Plantable Seed Paper with Recycled Materials. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Tuesday 9th April at 11am. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Tuesday 9th April at 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/make-plantable-seed-paper-with-recyclable-materials-tickets-873317575377>

Climate Change: Thursday 18th April, 7pm What we need to know and why! A talk by Dr Darren Clarke. Booking via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Thursday 4th April at 7pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/climate-change-what-we-need-to-know-and-why-tickets-873319069847>

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults - **Tuesday 2nd April 7pm.** All levels welcome. Feel free to bring along a poem you like or that you have written, to share with the group.

Poetry Day Ireland will take place on Thursday 25th April. Keep an eye out in the library or on our Facebook page for details of an event.

One Dublin One Book – Snowflake by Louise Nealon. Wednesday 10th April, 7pm Author Louise Nealon will be in conversation with Eimear Ryan. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/one-dublin-one-book-snowflake-a-celebration-tickets-814029322617>

Art and Creativity for 9-12 Year Olds with Elena Buttner. Thursday 25th April 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thurs 18th April at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/art-and-creativity-with-elena-at-lucan-library-for-9-12-years-tickets-863115982137>



STEAM Saturday with Helen - Make a Kaleidoscope. Saturday 13th April at 2pm.

For 8–12-year-olds. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from Saturday 6th April at

2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/steam-saturday-with-helen-kaleidoscope-tickets-870948338927>

Spring into Storytime!

Saturday 20th April 10am: Storytime Circle – our special event for *Spring into Storytime!* We read the first story then it's over to you parents and guardians to read some!! We guarantee your little ones will love it!! All welcome.

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Our regular Story-Time continues on TUESDAYS at 3pm. All welcome!

Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan – Tuesday 16th April at 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Tuesday 9th April at 10.30am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-861018819467>

Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles - Thursday 25th April at 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 18th April at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-at-lucan-library-with-sarah-sparkles-tickets-868404279577>

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 23rd April 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime: Monday 29th April, 12noon / **Junior Book Club:** Wednesday 24th April 3.30pm / **Wednesday Book Club:** Wednesday 24th April, 7pm /

Young Adult Book Club: Saturday 20th April, 3pm

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome



Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 4th and 18th April, 10am – 12noon.

Information Stands:

South Dublin Volunteer Centre - Thursday 18th April, 2pm - 4pm

Exhibitions:

Women of South Dublin: On display on Digital Screens.

Ballyfermot College of Further Education Art Students: around the library.



Feelings

Feelings are such a part and parcel of everyone, I say this because I

believe I'm no different to anyone else, I am a common or garden person, woman to be precise with thoughts, emotions and feelings. I empathise with the young man who said *inside I'm dancing*, for that is how it is for me all the time. But what dance, you might ask? Some days it is a slow waltz or foxtrot when I'm in a mellow mood, relaxed and wafting away in a haze of connectedness with a slumbering environment lulling me into a tranquil serenity.

Other times it is a dance of wanton joy, a jig, a jive or jitterbug, when my world and I are dancing to the tune of unbridled joy.

Let loose, footloose, rhythm, world and I gyrating to the lively and erstwhile hectic music that allows no resting but is energy driven. Energy that erupts from within and escapes through your every pore to clash and create sparks in that collision so that fireworks are lit and then sparkle as I twist and turn, hop and skip in tune with the myriad of noise, action, laughter circulating in the lively atmosphere of that space.

However, then there are other times when the dance knows no name, when it's jumbled and mixed as in a knot waiting to be unravelled. Reef knots, circles with circumference that has no escape, or no apparent escape, it simply goes round and round and round. Headless chicken comes to mind but in my case it's more a headless hen. That's it, a headless hen circulating and circulating, round and round she goes where she stops nobody knows. Does this dance have a name? Can it be claimed by anyone? It is in turmoil, wrestling with itself, both within and



without, shaken but not stirred. It drones on and on, it waits in expectation for release from itself. Go girl go, but the girl won't go, she seems to be waiting for permission or the right time so that the lock is released and the hinge now no longer creaky glides as the way opens.

What dance is this? No name springs to mind, it resonates of limbo, a place no one is sure of, no one can verify. Yet, my that very nature of uncertainty that creates turmoil it bespeaks of a dancehall in limbo land, where persons circulate in a meaningless movement, no side stepping, no minding the dresser, just a continuous tizzy of movement nudged unwittingly on and on waiting for that *soul-less* music to give you a break and let you get off the merry go round.

I'm reminded as I write of the words:

*I danced in the morning
when the world was
begun vying with, Please
release me, let me go.*



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Volunteers Needed!



Our 65 Roses Day (National Awareness Day) is coming up on April 12th 2024.

We are looking for volunteers for our collection point at Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, on that day selling our roses, pins and pens etc...

Morning and afternoon slots need to be filled.

We would really appreciate any help.

Please contact:

Bernie Murphy, 0872353319

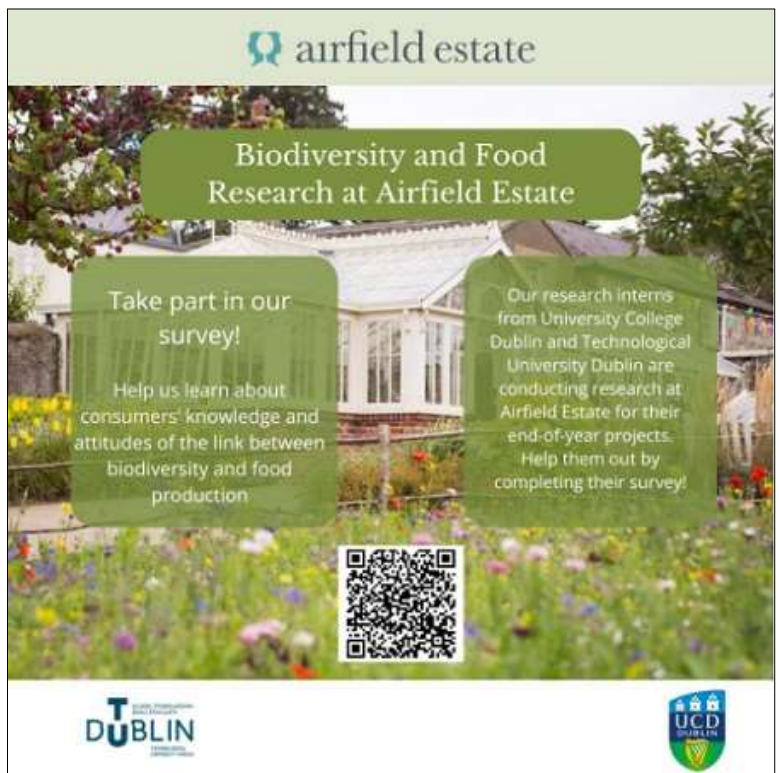
or email berniecros5@icloud.com

Airfield Estate Survey on Biodiversity & Food Production

The research team at Airfield Estate, Dundrum, have created an online survey to learn more about Irish consumers' knowledge and challenges surrounding biodiversity and food choices. They are hoping to gain a diverse response to the survey, to contribute to Airfield's understanding of the Irish consumer and to support Airfield's ambition to be a sustainable food hub in a world-leading sustainable food city.

The survey is completely anonymous and should take between 10-15 minutes to complete. Your input will play an important role in helping Airfield promote a greener and more sustainable future for food. Click the link below or scan the QR code to get involved!

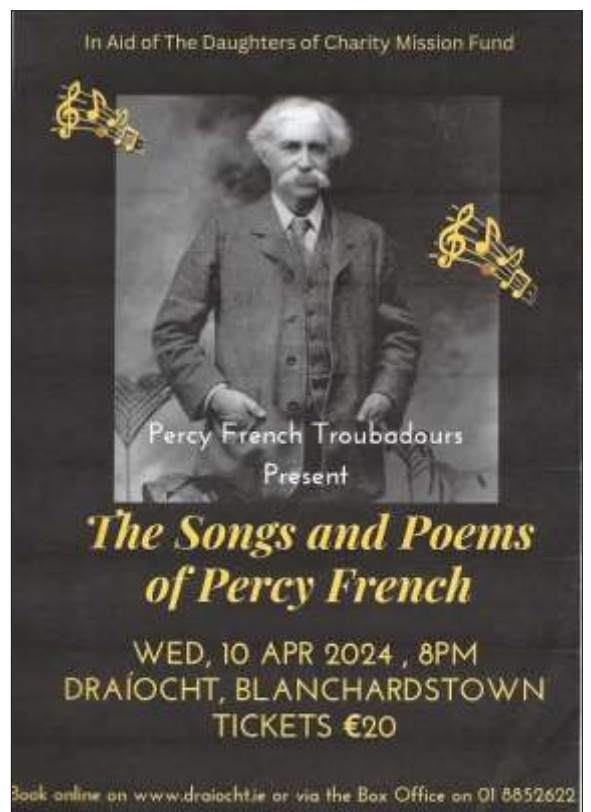
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K2LHKW2>



The poster features the Airfield Estate logo at the top. Below it, the title "Biodiversity and Food Research at Airfield Estate" is displayed in a green box. Two green callout boxes contain the following text: "Take part in our survey! Help us learn about consumers' knowledge and attitudes of the link between biodiversity and food production" and "Our research interns from University College Dublin and Technological University Dublin are conducting research at Airfield Estate for their end-of-year projects. Help them out by completing their survey!". A QR code is positioned in the lower center. The background shows a house with a garden. Logos for the City of Dublin and UCD are at the bottom.



The poster features the Coláiste Phádraig Parents Association logo at the top left. The text reads: "COLÁISTE PHÁDRAIG PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENT: FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT ???". Below this is a photograph of a pub named "SEAN'S". The ticket information is: "TICKETS €40 (per team of 4) TICKETS AT THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT Raffle & Prizes on the night". The event details are: "WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL 9PM Kenny's, Lucan Village".



The poster features a portrait of Percy French in the center. Text at the top reads: "In Aid of The Daughters of Charity Mission Fund". Below the portrait, it says "Percy French Troubadours Present". The title "The Songs and Poems of Percy French" is written in a large, stylized font. The event details are: "WED, 10 APR 2024, 8PM DRAÍOCHT, BLANCHARDSTOWN TICKETS €20". At the bottom, it says "Book online on www.draiocht.ie or via the Box Office on 01 8852622".

Lucan Senior Citizens

Some photos from our Easter Bonnets morning.

Right: Prize winning Easter Bonnets. Cathy had the difficult task of picking the winners. Congratulations to all the ladies for their wonderful creations.

Wednesday 10th April: Social morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30pm.



POLITICAL NOTES

Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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Grand Canal 12th Lock Public Consultation:

South Dublin County Council are developing a film production studio, community facilities and a cafe at the 12th Lock on the Grand Canal. It will be great to see this area being brought back into use, particularly when the green cycleway to Hazelhatch is finished as well. The Part 8 is currently out for public consultation on the council's consultation portal. The deadline for submissions is the 18th of April.

Public Health Nurse Shortage in Lucan: In a response to a parliamentary question to the HSE regarding the shortage of public health nurses in the Lucan area the HSE stated they continue to have recruitment issues to employ public health nurses in Lucan area. They emphasise that the recruitment of student PHN's was unsuccessful for 2023 and are looking at the recruitment of 20 student PHN's in the coming year.

Cllr Shane Moynihan - Fianna Fáil

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Twitter: @shanemoynihan

Old graveyard in Lucan village: Since being elected, I have been requesting that the Council take ownership of the old graveyard in Lucan village. I am pleased with the most recent update I received, following a motion I tabled indicating that this may be a possibility once the acquisition of Lucan House has been completed.

Mount Andrew/St Edmund's boundary: I am still following up on the completion of the work on the boundary between Mount Andrew and St Edmund's. There is a delay with the taking in charge, but management have confirmed to me that bollards will be installed when it is complete.

New bring centre at Liffey Valley: I have been campaigning for additional bring centres for residents near Liffey Valley and I am pleased, that following my representations, that a new bring centre has been installed at B&Q Liffey Valley.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

Mobile: 087-2136345.

Email: dobradaigh@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie

Launch of National Spring Clean: It was really welcome that the Council decided to formally launch the month-long An Taisce initiative of National Spring Clean month at the new Airlie Park here in Lucan. Local volunteers have been working behind the scenes too in establishing a new Adamstown Tidy Towns Group.

Colthurst / Castle Road – New Pedestrian

Crossing: I was delighted to receive the very positive response at the recent Traffic Management Meeting that a new signal-controlled crossing will be considered near to the entrance of Colthurst as part of this year's programme.

Tullyhall and Hansted – Speaking to Residents:

The Sinn Féin team and I made further progress this week, speaking to residents in Hansted and Tullyhall. We continue to make multiple representations as a direct result of these engagements on behalf of members of the Lucan community.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Sarsfield Park: Water running down path in Sarsfield Park. Following representations with my colleague, Emer Higgins T.D. the issue with a surface water mains that overflowed has now been unblocked and any debris has now been cleared.

Vacant/Derelict Property Grants: This grant supports bringing vacant and derelict properties back into use as homes with grants of up to €50,000 being provided and a further €20,000 available where the property is derelict. Also announced is the extension of the Local Authority Home Loan to cover the purchase/renovation of non-habitable homes that are potentially eligible for Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant funding. The grant is managed by the local authorities and application forms are available on www.sdcc.ie.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416. Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

WEE Recycle: Thank you to everyone who donated their electrical goods to the recycling initiative Caroline Brady & I ran in Lucan last week with RecycleIT.

Lucan Darkness Into Light: Registration is open for the first ever Lucan Darkness into Light. It's on the 11th May at 4:15am in St Catherine's Park. Sign up at Darkness Into Light at www.darknessintolight.ie and select 'Lucan' as your location. I'm excited to be part of the organising committee chaired by Cllr Liona O'Toole. If you're over 18 and want to volunteer, email us at lucan@darknessintolight.ie.

Political Notes continued after Sport.....

A Metro for Lucan

Lucan is on the verge of getting a Metro Dart rail line. After six weeks at an oral hearing with An Board Pleanála for permission for an underground Metro Link, very little evidence was provided to justify such a costly undertaking with so little benefit for all Dublin. By using a different rail gauge it can't link to main rail network, at a cost of about ten billion euro, over ten years to build, the unnecessary knocking down houses and apartments, major disruption, takes very few cars off the road and fails to address the main flaw in public transport the radial system all via the city centre.



Our option Metro Dart (Part of Newton Transport Plan) ticks all the boxes.

1. Uses standard rail gauge that links up the whole Irish rail network
2. It provides two rail lines from city centre to the Airport (vital for high usage areas) if one is out of order the other is available.
3. With Metro Dart all areas of Ireland that has a rail station has a direct access to the Airport, (with Metro Link Lucan users must go into city centre to get Airport link, changing twice).
4. No major disruptions or knocking houses or apartments.
5. Takes many more cars off the road.
6. At fraction of the cost (2 billion euro)
7. Can be completed in half the time, less than five years.
8. Takes users direct to many destinations.

It benefits areas around us, Clondalkin, Maynooth and Blanchardstown and all the rail stations along these rail lines. Metro Dart is a win win for everybody and for all areas. If they build the wrong rail gauge into Dublin Airport, we will never have direct access to Airport. An opportunity like this will never come again. It's worth fighting for. If someone has a better idea let us know. See more details on website acratu.com



Tom Newton
Transport Officer A.C.R.A.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Bereavement Notices

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the untimely passing of **Paul Lyons**. Husband of Denise, Father of Daragh (Senior Hurling), Anna (Minor Camogie) and Ciara (U16 Ladies football). Paul has been heavily involved in the club over the years, managing the 2005 boys football team from the academy all the way up to minor, only finishing up last December and having much success along the way. On behalf of Lucan Sarsfields, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to all of Paul's family and friends at this difficult time.

Ar dheis dé go raibh a hanam dilís.

It is with great sadness that we also inform you of the untimely passing of **Derek Maher**. Derek (also known as Marsy) was on the Senior Hurling team who brought the club to Senior level in 1999. On behalf of Lucan Sarsfields, we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to all of Derek's family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dilís.



Social

Our **Annual Golf Classic** will take place on the **21st of June 2024** in Lucan Golf Club. The cost of a four-person team is €450. This event books up quickly and we had an unprecedented demand for tee times last year so make sure to register early. Invitations are also open for sponsorship opportunities for both companies and personal support. Please contact any member of our committee for registration, sponsorship enquiries and any other information. Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139. A huge thank you to Colm Corrigan Builders for sponsoring this event. As always, we encourage our members to support our sponsors, click the following link to view their website <https://colmcorriganbuilders.ie/>

The Cúpla Focal Club started on Monday the 15th of January from 8-9pm and will continue every Monday. This is a great opportunity to learn Irish. All welcome.

The club has recently introduced **Honorary Life Membership**. Club Members over the age of 70, who have been members of the club for at least 20 years, can be nominated for approval by the Executive for this Membership of the club. Such nominations can be made by any full member of the club by emailing lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com

June Bank Holiday Draw

We will be holding a special draw for the June Bank Holiday weekend. This will take place directly after the lotto on Thursday 31st May. 1st Prize €1,000 cash. 2nd Prize €500 cash To Enter this draw please renew or sign up for a Lucan Sarsfields Recurrent Lotto Subscription via ClubZap.

White Collar Boxing

Due to unprecedented demand, we are once again taking over the big top on the 4th of May 2024 for another White-Collar Boxing Showdown. We are looking for sponsorship for this event with several different packages available. If you have a business, work for a business or know someone who does, that might like to sponsor or advertise at our event, please contact lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,200. The Numbers were **3, 5, 11, 16**.

The lucky dip prizes go to Edel Mooney, Maria Kelly, Michael & Joan Molloy, Sinead O'Lanagáin and Catherine Dardis, The Easter Eggs go to Anthony Doody, Frank Fleming, Columba Elliot, Gerry McAndrew and Maria O'Connor.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,600. The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.

Hurling - A huge congratulations to our own Alex Hanley who lined out for his adopted Warwickshire over the weekend in their win over Fermanagh to secure the Allianz Division 3B Hurling League Title. See Alex pictured with his proud dad Mike.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT

29 March - 1 April 2024

Gents Class 1 Winner Darren Egan 89
Gents Class 2 Winner Pat Byrne 82
Gents Class 2 Runner Up Tony Dunne 90
Gents Class 3 Winner Ronnie Guinan 85
Gents Class 3 Runner Up Dermot Buckley 88
Ladies Class 1 Winner Tracey Smith 95 [B6's]
Ladies Class 2 Winner Roma McCormick 92



New Members Welcome – Adults and

Juveniles: Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club please download an application form from the website and fill in the relevant details and return same – or email the secretary at info@lucanpitchandputt.com. Indeed you are more than welcome to call into the Club House and ask for any committee member who will be only too willing to discuss your enquiry – best time to call is on a Sunday from 10am

6th April 2024 - New Members – Adults and

Juveniles: We are hosting a welcome afternoon on Saturday 6th April at 2pm for all our new members, adults and juveniles. We hope you can join us and get an overview of our club and how our competitions are run together with meeting up with our coaches. It will also be an opportunity for you to meet some of our committee.

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts: Members please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Function Room for Hire: Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same – T&C apply.

Presentation - Saturday 6th April 2024: The presentation for our Drive In is on Saturday night. Would all prize winners please try and attend. We have music by Smart Moves – so come along and enjoy your night.

Political Notes *continued.....*

Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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

Web: www.paulgogarty.com

Swimming pool pricing: The full debate on my motion on the Lucan pool pricing is now on my website under ‘April/May’. Videos include SDCC management’s response.

Dodsboro shops and surrounds upgrade

works: These commence this Monday 8th April and will involve some inconvenience until everything is completed in July, Details of plans on my website under ‘Dodsboro shop’.

Working as normal until May: I note some Councillors and local election hopefuls have been canvassing for votes since Christmas. I am working as normal until May 1st, as there are several SDCC meetings to come and there’s the usual large amount of correspondence to deal with. I’ve actually been knocking on doors continuously since Covid restrictions ended. This often involves long conversations and means slow progress through estates. Apologies, once May comes, things will speed up until June 7th.

Cllr. Liona O’Toole –Independent P.C. 0872795274.

lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie www.lotoole.com

Healthcare: At a recent area committee meeting, my motion once again addresses the inadequate availability of GPs and healthcare services in our rapidly growing area. Many residents have raised concerns, from pregnant women to newborns and children's vaccines. My motion requests the HSE to accept an invitation to present the current status in the area. I remain committed to improving healthcare access for our community.

Dodsborough enhancement: I can provide the following information on this project “SDCC is pleased to provide an update on the District Centre Enhancement Programme in Dodsborough. The scheme includes upgrades to parking areas and access roads. Works by DM Morris Ltd. will commence on April 8, 2024. We’ll collaborate with traders and residents to minimize disruption, aiming for completion by July 2024. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.”

As always feel free to contact me anytime!

St. Francis Hospice Walk Your Own 5K Spring Memorial Walk

Supported by Eileen Dunne

Any time, any place in the month of April! Raise funds for Hospice Registration Fee €25

Call 01-8327535 or visit www.sfh.ie for T-shirt / Bookmark / Poem / Sponsor Cards Thank you!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As I mentioned last week the subject for photography during the month of April is “windows”. There have been a few novel submissions. Michael G submitted a photograph of a phone box which he titled “54 windows” as there are 18 small window panes on each of the three side of the box. The box in question can be seen at the Salmon Leap in Leixlip.



He also submitted a photograph of stained-glass windows which he found in St. Patrick's Church in Newport, Co. Mayo. The window was commissioned in 1926 by the parish priest, who sold his life insurance policy to pay for it, from the great Irish stained glass artist Harry Clark. The window was not installed until 1931 a month after Clarke's death and only the right light was completed under Clarke's supervision.

Anna submitted a shop window taken at Merchant's Arch in Temple Bar.



Conor was in Farmleigh and gave us more spring blossoms, this time Magnolia blossoms. He also submitted stunning photos of a Snowy Owl, a Peregrine Falcon and a Golden Eagle. Most owls sleep during the day and hunt at night, but the Snowy Owl is often active during the day, especially in the summertime. The Peregrine, which can be found nearly everywhere on Earth, is renowned for its speed. It can reach over 320 km/h (200 mph) during its characteristic hunting high-speed dive, making it the fastest member of the animal kingdom. The Golden Eagle is Ireland's second largest bird of prey. It was eradicated in Ireland in the 18th century but has been re-introduced into County Donegal to re-establish an Irish breeding population.

Until next week stay safe!