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## St. Brigid's National Holiday

I love this time of year, a time to embrace brighter evenings and early mornings. Already there are signs of the new spring. Snowdrops, emerging from the winter soil. I'm absolutely delighted that on Monday 6th February, our country celebrates a national holiday, attributed to an iconic and important lady Saint Brigid of Kildare. Children in primary schools, learn the hopeful melody, Saint Brigid brings the spring. I pray that this new season of hope, when green things re-emerge, will be a time of rejuvenation for us all.



We are about to begin a new season of promised hope and light. February is a most hopeful month. This week we celebrate St. Brigid's Day, a day which brings great hope. St. Brigid brings with her a story of compassion, generosity, healing and renewal. These early February days mark the beginning of spring. Yes, it may still feel cold but already brighter evenings, emerging green shoots and snowdrops, announce a time for new beginnings. I'm glad the darkness of winter once again is being transformed by the light of our new spring. Spring is a season of hope and renewal. We are in the true sense of Scripture called out of darkness into God's wonderful light.

Over the past few weeks I have celebrated a number of funerals. What struck me most about these celebrations was the power of the positive, unique and talented spirit that is contained within us all. Lives that greatly enhanced not just their immediate families, but also the wider community. People who were sincere, genuine and energetic in sharing life freely with others. I was greatly inspired also by the wonderful sense of community expressed by the kindness and compassion of good neighbours and friends. We must never take for granted the wonderful gift that is community. We are very fortunate to live with people who care for one another, who support, encourage and facilitate many good things to happen every day.

The truth of the matter is that all of us carry with us a sense of winter and spring. Winter is often felt in the pain, anxiety and burden that is part of our human story. So too, it is experienced in our falls and struggles, our losses and human frailty. However, this fragile truth does not truly define who we are. All of us have a beautiful spring, constantly being renewed in all our hearts. The spring tells the story of our resilience, courage, determination and imagination. The spring in our story is about being able to begin again. Spring-time embraces the possible.

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## St. Brigid's National Holiday *cont'd*

This is a time when for many people real questions are being asked regarding, where as a nation do we go from here. I suggest that part of this discernment is about tapping into the spring of giftedness, talent and abundance, found within the depths of all our being. Surely the wonderful neighbours and good people that are the living fabric of every community, reminds us that people are more important than policy and community is far more powerful than an economy.

The spring marks a significant change in the year. I am grateful for the powerful gift of hope, given to me recently by many good people who have gone from this life marked with the sign of faith. I am deeply confident that as we emerge from this pandemic, gifts of integrity, renewal and opportunity will be its fruit. Spring is in the air; may we take time to breathe in its hope and light.

*Fr. Paddy Byrne*

*Parish Priest of Abbeyleix*

*Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours:

*Walk-ins to see an Information Officer*

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

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

## Palmerstown Camera Club

At Palmerstown Camera Club we hold a weekly meeting in person, every Wed from 8 pm to 10 pm in the Palmerstown Parish Hall. People interested in joining the club or even attending one or two meetings FREE of charge to see how their photography could benefit from being a member can do so by contacting [secpcc@mail.com](mailto:secpcc@mail.com)

Recently in Palmerstown Camera Club, we had the judging night for a themed competition “Old”, and below we have three of the winning images:



**Advanced:**  
Lorraine Kelly -  
*Rusty.*



**Intermediate:** Miriam Power - *Haunting the Old Church*, also chosen as Image of the month.



**Novice:** Owen Connolly – *Old Timer.*

## Lucan Drama

### WAR to break out in Lucan SPA Hotel.

The cast has been chosen, the script is classic Roddy Doyle and under the guidance of Mary Guy, James Goodman and Brian Whitney we are launching into rehearsals.

*More updates to follow.....*



Last few days now to buy your tickets for a great night out while supporting a great cause, educating kids in Nepal.

Thanks to all who have bought tickets so far. Phone numbers are on the poster, tickets are also available from 191 Beech Park.

*Niamh Clandillon*

### Mother & Toddler Group

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



## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel. 10.30 – 2.30.

## Lucan Planning Council

### Petition regarding the 25 and Hospital Bus:

Thank you to those who have already collected signatures in their estates. St Brigid's day marks the start of Spring and hopefully milder weather, and we invite more volunteers to come forward when you can if you wish to play an active part. We are also currently seeking a meeting with Minister for Older People, Mary Butler, regarding accessibility of buses to older people.

**Traffic flow in the village, potential to extend cycleway into St Catherine's, and Cllrs vote on the Village Green:** Those living west of Woodies must be included in any new initiatives regarding access to public transport, walking and cycling. We are aware that SDCC have engaged KPMG to examine the potential for tourism in the county. We support extending the cycleway into St Catherine's which is the logical route. However, we in the LPC are mindful of local concerns about the Village Green that were brought up when we went round from door to door prior to the recent part8 public consultation.

We are seeking clarification from Cllrs regarding proposed works on the Village Green. We understand Cllrs were given two separate votes on the proposed changes. The public were not given this opportunity regarding changes to the Village Green. Objections were made in good faith to the parking proposals on the understanding if this did not go ahead neither would the Village Green changes. Splitting the part8 proposals invalidated the public consultation process in our view.

We have already met Lucan Traders to discuss options for traffic flow and our own proposal.

*Caitríona McClean, LPC secretary*  
086 3898327 [cmacmclean@hotmail.com](mailto:cmacmclean@hotmail.com)

**Happy 12th Birthday  
to Sean  
on 4th February.**

*Lots of love Nanny  
and Grandad Cummins.*



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, **on Thursdays at 11.30am**. New members are always welcome. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee \ Tea break at 1pm.

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



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

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

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

### Christian Meditation:

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

### Scriptural Readings:

We meet from **7.30-8.30pm** every **Monday** evening in the Bungalow opposite the church. The group will read and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel to get a deeper understanding of the Word of our Lord.  
*All are 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.

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

After Saturday 10am Mass and Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

### Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line. If you need to cancel [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Legion of Mary:

We meet every Thursday evening at 5.30pm in Room 4 in St Mary's Parish Centre for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet **every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 10.45am and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8pm of the month** in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen to or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one.  
*Sr Geraldine.*

### Coffee Dock Open:

Every Sunday Morning and Weekdays 10am to 12 noon. **All Welcome.**

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally.  
*St Mary's Parish Divine Mercy Group.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **Paddy Monaghan**, Dodsboro Cottages and to the family and friends of **Annie Flaherty**, formerly Esker Lawns.  
**May they rest in peace.**



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at Masses  
**Saturday/ Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> February.**  
*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## Medjugorje Mass - St Mary's Church,

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.15 pm**

Rosary and Confessions 5.45pm

Celebrant: Fr. Tom Gilroy

Special Guest: David Parkes

Bring a friend/pass on/or log on to:  
[lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com) Facebook: Medjugorje mass lucan



## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

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

**Sunday Masses:** Vigil Saturday 7pm,  
Sunday: 9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

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

All Masses livestreamed at [stpatrickslucan.ie](http://stpatrickslucan.ie)

### St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Meeting every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St Patrick's Church) from 7.30pm to 8.15pm.

### Tea/Coffee

Every Wednesday Morning  
10.30am in the Parish Centre.  
**All are welcome**



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



**Sunday Mass Times:** Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**  
[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)



**Feast Our Lady of Lourdes- Sat  
11<sup>th</sup> February Anointing of the  
Sick - 12.30pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
February**

(Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)

there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick at  
12.30pm. Refreshments after Mass.

Perhaps you know someone who experiences  
ongoing illness who would like to attend.

**Prayers of the Church:** Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.  
The Church open Monday to Friday from 10am to  
4pm for private prayers.

**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.

### Legion of Mary:

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday  
evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in  
the church. Their works include visitation of  
homes, nursing homes, prisons and outreach to  
the poor. All welcome.

### 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.

### Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ 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).  
All are most welcome.

### Bingo:

Bingo every **Wednesday** at **7.30pm** in the St.  
John Paul Room Divine Mercy Church. Doors  
open at 7.00pm. *All welcome.*

## Proposed Pilgrimage to Italy 2023/24 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Parishes



We are considering the possibility of organising a  
pilgrimage (7 nights, half board) under the  
spiritual direction of Fr. Philip Curran, P.P. in  
October 2023 or the spring of 2024 to shrines of  
Italy located in Tuscany and Umbria including  
**Assisi, Orvieto, Siena and Florence** and are  
currently in discussion with Travel Agents  
regarding costs and dates. If you are interested in  
taking part in this pilgrimage, please leave your  
contact details (without any obligation at this  
stage) with **Deirdre in St Mary's Parish Office**  
**telephone 01 6281487 or email**  
[secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com) and you will be  
contacted when more detailed information is  
available.

## Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2023

Direct flights from Dublin

**15<sup>th</sup> May or 18<sup>th</sup> October for 9 nights** was €825  
now €775. Single room supplement €180.

**May or 18<sup>th</sup> October for 7 nights** was €775 now  
€715. Single room supplement €140.

**Phone** Pat Colgan on 087 2238911 or book  
through Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and  
say I'm going with Pat Colgan)



**Anam Cara  
South Dublin**

The organisation that  
supports bereaved

parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for  
bereaved parents on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 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.

## R.I.P.

### PADDY MONAGHAN

We were saddened to learn of the death of Paddy Monaghan last week. A true Lucanian, Paddy contributed several old photographs to Lucan Newsletter over the years, some of which featured in our local history books.

To Kathleen and all the family, we extend our deepest sympathy.  
May he rest in peace.

*Lucan Newsletter Team*



## Anniversaries

### MAY CONNOLLY (nee DOWNES)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 16<sup>th</sup> February

In loving memory of a wonderful mother and grandmother.

*Always remembered with love and missed every day by her daughters Rachel, Martha, Sarah and son David and their families*

### MAY CONNOLLY (nee DOWNES)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 16<sup>th</sup> February

Late of Sarsfield Park.

Forever in our hearts and prayers.

*Loved and missed always by Veron, Jimmie, Celine, Christine, Larry and Ann and their families*

### MAY McNALLY

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Mam, 9 years of remembering you  
9 years of talking about you  
9 years of laughing about you  
No matter how many years go by  
We will always love and miss you.  
Thinking of **Dad** too.

*Love from all your family*



### Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023

Is live on Radio Maria Ireland from **2pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February.**

Speakers include Fr. Columba Mary Toman Op, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission).

Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at 01-4373277.

## Esler Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone,*

Well today we had our AGM and we had a marvellous turnout for it, fifty members attended. We have formed a new Committee and we'd like to thank our three Committee Members who stepped down today, Treasa McNamara who has been on the Committee right from our Clubs inception seven years ago and has been our Chairperson throughout. Then, a couple of years ago Sean Hegarty and Rita Walsh joined our team and offered some new dynamics to our Club. We are going to miss their input and hard work on the Committee these past years. However, they are staying on in the Club so no doubt, we'll be calling on them for advice and help along the way.

Next week we will start taking our yearly subscription of €25 each for our Club; we'll need your name, check we have the correct mobile phone number for you and we need your email address for head office.

Can I just say to everyone; it is so important to keep your mind active and your body as we age. By playing these card games, scrabble and doing the activities we have here in the club, we have to use our brain and our bodies. All these things help against all forms of Dementia /Alzheimer's Disease so make sure when you retire, that you join a club to keep the brain active. Still more people joining our club each week and we don't close the door to anyone. Just drop into the club any Wednesday afternoon. We are looking for more men to join our club as we want a good mix, so all you men out there who are retired, please think about it.

We are in St. Andrew's Church Hall just down from Stag Cycles which is a blue and yellow building. There's parking in the grounds of the Church and also a bus stop outside the Church gates.

*Till next time,*

*Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043*

## On old age.....

*I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.*

*The older I get, the earlier it gets late.....*

*I had my patience tested. I'm negative!*

# Political Notes

## Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

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**Vehicle and Bicycle Theft:** Unfortunately, 2022 has seen an unprecedented rise in the unlawful taking of motor vehicles and bicycles from all areas in the Dublin Metropolitan Region. With the ever increasing and welcome use by all ages using bicycles and embracing more active travel. With advancements in bike designs, they can be expensive and it is important that we remember to secure with a good lock at all times.

**Lucan Leisure Complex:** A new facilities operator Aura, has been appointed to manage the former Lucan Leisure Centre, currently nearing completion of welcome renovations, and expected to be open in advance of the summer. Concerns at facilitating former tenants have been stressed by both myself and others, and the new operator has been encouraged by the council to reach out to those past tenants wishing to avail of the facility again.

## Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

Phone: 085-7211574. Email: [ginokenny@oir.ie](mailto:ginokenny@oir.ie)

**Stand Against Racism:** Le Chéile and United Against Racism have called a rally for all those who want to stand against racism for February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm outside the GPO.

A migrant camp was violently attacked. Direct provision centres are targeted. Social media is awash with hate and vitriol, all based on ignorance and prejudice. Misleading and fact-free slogans and tropes are circulated and accepted as fact when they are simply a tissue of lies. If we believe in solidarity there are times when we must show it, even in the face of antagonism and racism. Now is that time.

## Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

Email: [smoynihan@cllrs.sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:smoynihan@cllrs.sdbulincoco.ie)

Web: [www.shanemoynihan.ie](http://www.shanemoynihan.ie)

Facebook: cllrshanemoynihan

Instagram: cllrshanemoynihan

Twitter: @shanemoynihan

Phone: 087-7840898.

**Funding for active travel:** Delighted to see funding support from the NTA for various active travel schemes in Lucan including the Grand Canal to Lucan Greenway, the Esker Permeability Scheme and rapid deployment of cycle facilities on the R136 and Dodsborough Road. Contact me if you would like further details.

## Footpath, road resurfacing & cycle track

**repair:** Great to see continued investment in Lucan in this area, including footpath repair in Esker Lawns, Hillcrest, Ardeevin, Finnstown and St Loman's Road, cycle track resurfacing on Castle Road and road resurfacing on Castle Road and in Foxborough. Contact me if you would like further details.

**Email newsletter:** My monthly update for January is now available. You can read it at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-january-2023-community-update/> or email me to be added to the distribution list.

## Lion O'Toole - Independent

0872795274, [lotoole@cllrs.sdbulincoco.ie](mailto:lotoole@cllrs.sdbulincoco.ie)

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

**Embassy Wall update:** I can confirm the following official update on the embassy wall "SDCC had appointed Roughan & O'Donovan to carry out the design of the new wall. The detailed design is now complete and is being reviewed by SDCC staff. If it is acceptable, we will be passing this to the Italian Embassy staff and requesting that they progress with the repair of the wall as soon as possible. Separately SDCC have engaged with relevant utility companies and agreed all enabling works. This advanced engagement will save significant time on the overall time of the project. "

**Creches/ECCE providers:** Parents and creche/ECCE providers are contacting me regarding the shortage of creche/ECCE places in the Lucan area. I will continue to raise this matter with council planners and Ministers until the matter is resolved, until then I'm assisting creche/ECCE service providers.



**Good stretch in the evenings**, now that St. Brigid's Day has come and gone. Enjoy the new Bank Holiday on Monday!

## Lovely to see the Daffodils peeping

**up!** A little bit of sunshine and we'll be seeing gold everywhere.



**Six Nations Rugby** kicks off this weekend with Ireland v Wales, in Cardiff, on Saturday. Let's hope things go well for the boys in green.

**Dubs just about did it** over Kildare on Saturday last. Lots of sport to look forward to over the next few weeks.



# Lucan

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

### 2023 Entry Form



**Name of Group:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Tel Number:** .....

**Email:** .....

**Float:**

**Walkers:**

**Contact Name:** .....

**Tel Number:** .....

**Supervising Leader 1:** .....

**Tel Number:** .....

**Supervising Leader 2:** .....

**Tel Number:** .....

If you require music to be played at the viewing stand,  
please email music electronically by **Friday 3rd March** to:  
josephp.keegan@gmail.com and lucanparade@gmail.com

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS BY EMAIL  
OR WHATSAPP TO:**

**lucanparade@gmail.com or Caroline Brady 085 2551602**

**Closing date: 28th February 2023**

No entry will be accepted after this date

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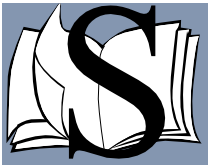


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## CHOOOL NEWS



### St. Joseph's College

**Athletics:** Well done to our First Year Team who won the Team Event at the Cross-Country Athletics event in the Phoenix Park last week. They did excellently to win this competition out of all the schools in west Leinster and they now move on to the Leinster competition later in the year. Well done also to all our Students who took part in the all of the other races.



**Junior Debating:** Well done to our Junior debating team who competed in three rounds of debating in UCD on Saturday last. This was their first debating competition and Ms. Hanlon was very proud of their performance.



**Good Luck:** We wish all of our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year students the best of luck in their mock exams over the next two weeks. We also wish our Transition Year students well as they embark on two weeks of work experience.

**First Year Assessment:** Well done to all our incoming first years who completed their assessment on Saturday past. We thank the 5<sup>th</sup> year students who came in to welcome our incoming first years and give them a tour of the school. It was also great to meet with the Parents of incoming first years on Saturday.

**Ceiliúradh CEIST:** On Wednesday it was Ceiliúradh CEIST day on the 1st of February 2023. We are very proud to be a CEIST school and we look forward to celebrating Ceiliúradh CEIST with a number of activities after the midterm break when we can come together as a full school community.

**Hockey:** Our first-year hockey team are in action this week against Mount Temple, we wish them well in this fixture.

**Senior Camogie:** Our Senior Camogie team are back in action this Saturday when they make the long journey north to Ballymena to play in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. We wish the team and the management the best of luck in this game.

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**Follow us on Instagram:**

@stjosephscollegelucan

**Follow us on:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

### Celbridge Mill Community Centre

The Mill, Main Street Celbridge. Ph. 01 6288556

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

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

#### **Come and join us at The Haven Celbridge**

Kate Walsh House at The Mill. Tuesdays / Thursdays. New members welcome. Home cooked meals, snacks. Bingo, quizzes, sing-songs, dancing, day trips.

#### **Silver Thread Club,**

Wednesdays 10am for the Senior members of the Community. Refreshments, Bingo, activities and the chat.

**Walking Indoor Soccer** for the Retired or those who would like to continue to playing soccer at a slower pace and are 50 years of age and over.

Thursdays 12-1pm starting 9<sup>th</sup>

February

**Voices of Spring Choir Wed 11am** – People living with dementia, carers, older people with other health concerns or who are living in isolation/in need of social outlets.

## Lucan Community College

### Barnardos and ETB Schools NPA Webinar

Barnardos and the ETB Schools National Parent's Association have joined together to provide parents with a free webinar on "Supporting Teenagers to have positive experiences online while taking responsibility for their 'online footprint'". The webinar will take place on Wednesday 8th February from 7.30 – 8.30pm. The aim of this webinar is to provide information for parents/guardians to help support their teenager as they navigate their life in an online world. This webinar will help parents/guardians understand the risks posed to teenagers when online, listen to what teenagers want and need from their parents to help them manage these experiences and some tips to keep communication online and offline working well for everyone. The webinar can be found through the following link: [https://avc-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LtjKa9DiS42eTmH1ks-2pg](https://avc-ie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LtjKa9DiS42eTmH1ks-2pg)

**West Leinsters 2022:** Well done to the 15 athletics students who travelled to the Phoenix Park last Thursday for the West Leinsters. Our Junior Girls Team placed 1st overall with Ella McGrath, Eve Clarke, Reka Kiss Calo & Rachel Jez all individually finishing in the top 10. Saoirse Fitzgerald came 4th in the intermediate race with Maggie Jez & Isabelle Cuffe both finishing in the top 10. This meant that the girls intermediate team finished 2nd overall and will represent the school in the next round of the competition. Ferdia McDonagh also qualified in the Boy's Junior race and TY student Cillian Murphy came third in the Intermediate competition. All of these students will compete in the Leinster Final on the 8th of February.



This is an amazing achievement for our students who should all be extremely proud of themselves. We look forward to another day with team LCC in a week's time!

**TY Students visit Microsoft HQ:** The Career Ready TY students visited Microsoft HQ to meet with their assigned professional mentors, who they will work with over the next year and to attend the graduation of successful candidates from this programme for 2023. It was incredible to visit such a fantastic workspace and to engage with an array of professionals. The journalist, podcaster and documentary maker, Nicola Tallant also spoke to the students about her professional journey.



Thanks to Ms Higgins for supporting this initiative and attending with the group.

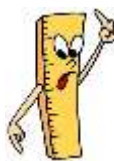
**Basketball:** The Junior Girls basketball team have had a very busy week. They played two games against Luttrellstown CC and Colaiste Cois Life. Although unlucky on both occasions there was some excellent scores from Aoife McDonnell, Ella McGrath and Aoibhe Fitz Henry. Well done to all girls involved!



**TY Work Experience:** As the TY students enter their final week of work placement, we would like to thank all local businesses and organisations who have facilitated our students on their work experience in the 2022/23 academic year. This experience is invaluable to the student's academic and social development – some may even get inspiration for future career prospects. Without this local support, this component of the Transition Year experience would not be possible.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Hurling:** Congratulations to our Senior Hurling team who won the Dublin Schools Senior Hurling “C1” League title after defeating Oatlands College 2-22 to 2-10 in the final that was held in Abbotstown last Friday. The 1<sup>st</sup> half was keenly contested with both teams going for scores whenever the opportunity arose. With Michael Cunningham very impressive in the backline with some outstanding challenges and intelligent distribution and Liam Garrigan exceptional in midfield, Lucan just shaded the 1<sup>st</sup> half and led by 2 points at the break, 0-11 to 1-07 thanks mainly to some excellent free taking from Joseph Dunne. Oatlands began the 2<sup>nd</sup> half strongly and Lucan were indebted to some hugely important saves from goalkeeper Evan O’ Flynn that maintained their slender lead. As the game wore on however, Lucan grew stronger and stronger with their superior fitness levels perhaps showing through. Joseph Dunne silenced the raucous opposition fans with a superb goal and numerous other clinically taken points to stretch Lucan’s advantage to 8 points late on. A late goal by Conor Dillon confirmed the richly deserved victory for the team and a place in the Leinster Final.



**Football:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr football team advanced to the Dublin League “C1” semi-finals after an emphatic and facile 13-12 to 2-02 victory over Lucan Community College last Friday. It was an excellent team performance all round with everyone keen to impress the coaches right up until the final whistle as competition for places is fierce such is the talent in the squad. Cian Kelly was outstanding for the team as he scored an incredible 5-05 from the full forward position. Half-forward Conor McHugh and right full forward Jack O’ Dwyer both scored 2-02. Full Forward Daire Heavey added a further 2 goals while Páidí Murphy (1-0), Derry Ware (1-02), Henry Greene (0-1) and Brian Whelan (0-1) also contributed goals and points to ease the team to victory. Next up is a clash with Lusk CC with the winners qualifying for the Final.

**Soccer:** Hard luck to our u15 soccer team were knocked out of the Leinster Minor Cup after suffering a 5-2 defeat at the hands of a strong Palmerstown CC team in their last 16 clash last Wednesday. Sean Connell scored a nice left-footed goal for Lucan with the team’s other goal an own goal.

**Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> yrs:** The assessments for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> yr students for the 2023/2024 academic year took place in the school on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. This year the exam was completed entirely online by

the students and supervised by members of our school support teams from the Learning Support and Careers Departments, who were assisted by our prefects. These online assessments allow the school to give more detailed feedback to parents on the results. Individual reports will be issued to parents/guardians in the coming months to help them understand the process and allow them to offer support at home.

The assessment tests are carried out purely to assist the school in best providing for the varied educational needs of the incoming students. They are not used for the purpose of streaming as all 1<sup>st</sup> yr classes in the school are fully mixed ability. We look forward to welcoming our new cohort of 1<sup>st</sup> yrs in September 2023.

**Young Scientists:** The office of the Taoiseach sent in a lovely picture to the school this week of Leo Varadkar and Housing Minister Darragh O’ Brien with 2<sup>nd</sup> yr Hazem Ahmed at his project stand at the RDS during the recent BT Young Scientist Exhibition. They were very interested in his project on the Housing crisis and they were very impressed with his research and presentation.

**French:** There was a large attendance at the inaugural French Conversation Group in room 17 last Friday at lunchtime. It was great to see such interest among the various year groups and it was lovely to hear the French language being spoken with such passion and enthusiasm by so many of our students. No doubt the French Croissants on offer enticed one or two hungry students to the group but they had to earn the delicious treats anyway by speaking French! The group will continue to meet throughout the year and all are welcome to attend, from total beginners to the fluent speakers. The Conversation Group provides an opportunity for students to enrich their vocabulary and gain in confidence in a supportive and encouraging environment.

**Athletics:** Well done to our 24 athletes who competed in the West Leinster Schools cross-country championships held in the Phoenix Park last Thursday. 1<sup>st</sup> yr Conor Abbot qualified for the Leinster Championships in Santry next week by finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in the Minor Boys section (out of 156 strong competitors!) in an impressive time of 6:01.

In the Junior Boys, Brian Whelan ran well to finish high up in 13<sup>th</sup> place (out of 147 finishers) as he completed the course in 8:06, which was enough to qualify for the Leinster Championships. Every one of our athletes ran great times and showed great determination and grit through the highly competitive races.

# Lucan Library

*All events and activities are free of charge.*

**Touch-Type-Read-Spell (TTRS) at Lucan Library.** There will be availability for Touch-Type-Read-Spell at Lucan Library from March 2023. Contact us to learn more about this learning support, and how you can avail of a TTRS course free of charge. Phone us at 01-6216422 or email [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie) for more information.



## Saturday 25th February:

**Children's Events:** 10am-11.45am Facepainting  
2pm - 2.30pm. Dr Brain's Fun-Believable Science Show, fun for all the family!

## Financial Well-Being with Lucan Credit Union

Lucan Credit Union will deliver talk at Lucan Library this month, offering financial wellbeing advice at a time of economic uncertainty:

**Wednesday 8th February, 7pm.** Managing your finances in difficult times and the importance of having access to credit, with Paula Maguire, CEO Lucan District Credit Union. Paula will discuss some tips for managing finances when money is tight. The importance of continuing to save small amounts, and how it is important to have a trusted partner for credit for affordable loans when needed. All Welcome

**Connect Cafe:** Tuesday February 14th, 11am Celebrate Valentine's Day with a chat and a cuppa in the library for our second Connect Cafe event. An important aspect of minding our mental health is connecting with others in our community. Come along to chat with others in this informal coffee morning, an opportunity to meet new people in your area. Bring a friend and introduce them to the library, we always welcome new members! All welcome



## Children's Events:

Monday 13th February 2.30pm

**Arts and Crafts** for ages 5-7 with Aisling and Cathal. Booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/valentines-art-and-craft-workshop-for-children-aged-5-7-tickets-525567234747>



Tuesday 14th February 3.30pm - 5pm

**Make an Agamograph** with Chris from Maker Meet - ages 8+. What is an Agamograph? 94-year-old sculptor and experimental artist Yaacov Agam invented this lenticular technique. Two pictures are created and cut into strips -then mixed. together. When viewed from different angles, each picture can be seen clearly, but when viewed together, it is impossible to know what



each is! Join MakerMeet to make some for your Valentine!

Booking essential from Tuesday 7th February at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/create-a-valentine-themed-agamograph-with-chris-from-maker-meet-tickets-525833471067>

Thursday 16th February, **Lego Workshops** with the Brickx Work Club, ages 7+. 10am - 10.45am.

Booking opens Thursday 9th February

10am <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-with-the-brickxwork-club-tickets-526569342077>

11am - 11.45am. Booking opens Thursday 9th February 11am <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-with-the-brickxwork-club-tickets-526573815457>

12noon - 12.45pm. Booking opens Thursday 9th February 12noon <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-with-the-brickxwork-club-tickets-526577295867>

## Table Quiz for Adults

Thursday 9th February, 2pm

Register your place at the library desk, or contact us by phone (01-6215422) or email ([lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie))



**Irish Classes for Adults (Beginners)** with Patricia Fogarty. Start Thursday 25th February at 7pm. Register via Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/beginners-irish-classes-for-adults-tickets-525843641487>) or contact the library to book your place - in person, by phone at 01-6216422 or email [lucan@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdblincoco.ie).

## Events for Babies and Toddlers:

Saturday 11th February at 10.30am. Musical Tots with Karen Donnellan. Booking essential from Saturday 4th February at 10.30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-at-lucan-library-with-karen-tickets-513006445087>

## Lucan Library Scrabble Club

Tuesday 14th February 12 Noon - all welcome. Please note the later start time of 12noon.

## Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 28th February at 5.30pm. All welcome, enquire at library desk.

**Exhibition:** St Brigid - traditions and customs associated with St Brigid.

**FREE parenting talk about starting healthy habits.** ONLINE talk delivered by Safefood

Ireland: Tuesday 7th February at 7pm  
Panel includes child psychotherapist Dr Colman Noctor and safefood Director of Nutrition Dr Aileen McGloin. Register here: <https://www.safefood.net/professional/events/talk-healthy-changes>

**Ireland Reads - 2023** takes place on Saturday 25th February. Ireland Reads is a national celebration of reading!



**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



## Team News

### Camogie

Congratulations to St Joseph's College who edged out Mount Sackville 2-7 to 0-8 in the Senior 'A' Dublin Post Primary Schools Camogie final. Our inaugural 12th Lock Adult Camogie Blitz took part on Saturday, great to see so many participants.



### Hurling

We are also delighted to see Lucan CBS Senior Hurlers win their league with a victory over Oatlands. Well done to all involved.

## Social News & Events

### Membership

Membership for 2023 is now open.

Our number 1 priority is player welfare and we'd like to remind parents and adult players that players need to be registered and paid members of the club in order to be covered by insurance. This includes training and challenge matches as well as official club games. Any unregistered players that train or play matches are doing so at their own risk and accepting that they will cover any medical costs that may result from injuries.

### Healthy Clubs - Ireland Lights Up

Please join us for our next walk this Wednesday from our clubhouse at 7pm. Just sign in and walk and enjoy the company along the way!

Irish Life Healthy Clubs Every Step Counts challenge is still open for entry. Our club can be in with a chance to win vouchers for new kit from O'Neill's, please download the MyLife app in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search MyLife by Irish Life.

### Club Awards

Nominations are being sought for Club Person of the Year for 2022. Please complete the form to propose a club member. Nominations should be submitted by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February.



The award will be presented at the Annual Adult Awards Night in the club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

### Volunteers night will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

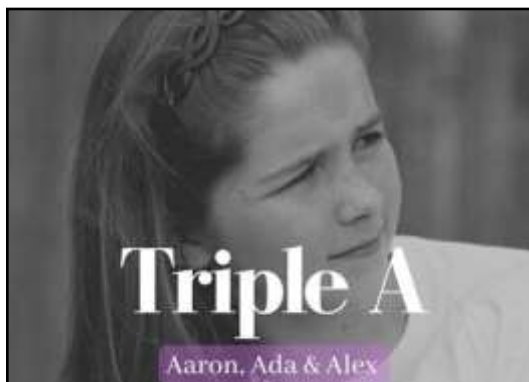
### Nagarhope

Please support Nagarhope's fundraiser, 'Elvis and the Way it Was Orchestra', in the Spa Hotel on Friday, 10th February, to help fund the rebuilding of Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal. For tickets please contact 087 0666891, 087 9225103 or 191 Beech Park, Lucan.

### Triple A

Aaron, Ada and Alex are raising money for the Night Nursing Service with the Irish Cancer Society through a raffle in Lucan Sarsfields that will help Night Nurses to continue to provide all the vital and remarkable care to patients and families suffering from cancer.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/aaa-for-nightnurses>



They would like to consider their donations as a mark of respect and thanks to the night nursing team who provided fabulous care to their late friend and our past player Molly O'Toole and the rest of the O'Toole family.

The Night Nursing Service relies almost solely on donations every year and all the support possible on the night would be greatly appreciated.

### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €13,000. The Numbers were **3, 5, 12, 20**. The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Anthony Doody, Denise Kelly, Maeve McGuire, Joe Lavin and Cathy O'Neill. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€13,400**. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan Accountant and will be led by Shay Hurson. Tickets can be purchased online at the following link: <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>. **Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfield's GAA Club.**



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

### An tAcadamh Tá muid ar ais!!

Tá súil agam go raibh  
Nollaig dheas agaibh  
go léir agus gur bhain  
sibh taitneamh as an

sos!

Bhí an tAcadamh ar ais dé Sathairn, an 21ú i  
nGaelscoil Naomh Pádraig ag a 10!

Grúpaí níos sine:

- Buachaillí 2016 - 11.00

- Cailíní 2016 - 12.00

Má tá aithne agat ar aon pháiste eile agus suim  
acu, tóg iad suas leat lá ar bith  
NGÓ Abú

**We are back!!** I hope everyone had a lovely  
Christmas and enjoyed the break. The Academy  
returned this Saturday, 21st, at 10 in Gaelscoil  
Naomh Pádraig.

Older groups:

- 2016 boys: 11 am

- 2016 girls: 12 noon.

If you know any other children that would be  
interested in joining, feel free to bring them along  
any day.

**Buachaillí F15:** Buachaillí F15 ag baint  
taitneamh as a gcéad turas thar oíche i gCarn  
Tóchar thar an deireadh seachtaine. Grmma do  
mhuintir an Charn as loistín agus áiseanna den  
scóth a chuir ar fáil dúinn. NGÓ abú!



**Peil na mBan:** Bhí foireann na mBan amuigh ag  
déanamh ióga sa pháirc le Mary. Beidh siad ag  
traenáil in Ospidéal an Rí Dé Luain & Dé  
Céadaoin 7:30pm. Fáilte roimh imreoirí nua!

The women's football team were out doing yoga  
with Mary at the weekend. Welcome to any new  
players, training will be on Mondays and  
Wednesdays in Kings Hospital at 7:30.

### Buachaillí F15 - Iomáint

Lean ullmhúcháin na mbuachaillí F15 don séasúr  
úr le bliots inné in aghaidh Bhaile an Tirialaigh &  
Oileán na hÉireann.

Thug buachaillí Leamhcáin an dá cluiche leo. Sa  
chéad cluiche i gcoinne Tyrellstown bhí  
iomaitheoir luath ag Tom Ó hEamhaigh do scór  
na bliana nuair a ghearr siad tríd an bhfreasúra  
agus chuir sé cúilín breá thar an trasnán ar a  
thaobh clé. Bhí an-chluiche ag Max Nesbitt le dhá  
chúl a chuir Na Gaeil Óga in uachtar. Bhí  
Ríoghnán Ó Briain, Rory Ahearne & Dara de  
Búrca an-tioncharach freisin.

Sa dara cluiche, bhí tine ar an gcráiceann ag  
Tadhg Ó Breacáin a d'aimsigh ceithre chúl. Le cúl  
freisin ó Oisín Ó Riain. D'oibrigh Shannon Reilly  
go héifeachtach tríd an gcluiche agus bhí an-ráta  
oibre á léiriú ag Conor Mac Giolla Léith & Sam  
Wright Graydon ó thús go deireadh.

Beidh na buachaillí ar ais ar an bpáirc ar an 12  
Feabhra nuair a chuirfidh siad tús lena bhfeachtas  
Féile i gcoinne Sháirséalaigh Leamhcáin.



## LUCAN COMMUNITY GAMES

### Upcoming Events 2023

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Chess.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Art

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Handwriting.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March - Quiz

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Draughts

**All above will be held in Lucan**

**Library at 17.30**

**€10 Registration Fee**

Register at [lucangames@gmail.com](mailto:lucangames@gmail.com)

**Must be U16 as of 13<sup>th</sup> July  
and from Lucan**



# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Busy weekend again for Lucan Harriers, fantastic results from the indoors in Athlone and the annual Raheny 5 mile

### Indoor Championships

Fantastic news over the weekend at the AAI indoor games in Athlone. Huge PB and phenomenal run from Eve Noctor running 2:11.38. Also, Saoirse Fitzgerald an outstanding run to PB and break the National U18 Indoor 800m record, which has stood since 1991, running 2:08.76. Fantastic achievement by the girls



*Eve Noctor and Saoirse Fitzgerald*

Another super achievement by both Eve Noctor and Kate O Connell in the 4x400m with Team Ireland securing the qualifier for the European U20 Championships this summer. Very proud day for the girls, their families, their coaches and the club.

Best wishes going forward in the season.

### Raheny 5 Mile

The 39th Axa Raheny 5 hosted by Raheny Shamrock A.C. was yet another huge success. 3,800 crossed the finishing line for this very popular race and a further 700 took part in the children's races. The Raheny 5 is a huge event

and the local residents of the area really get out on the streets to cheer and welcome the runners. Runners from all corners of the country came to race.

Lucan Harriers had over twenty entrants, conditions were tough but not unexpected for a Sunday afternoon in January, Raheny is generally windy with its proximity to the coast. It was a tough start as the sheer numbers trying to work their way into their own space in the narrow streets at the start make it quite congested. The first 3K you really have to watch your feet, the race opened up after that and the open road lay ahead. A lovely stretch in St Annes followed. After the turn in St Annes there is about a mile to the finish line, with 800m to go you can hear the crowds and feel the excitement as the finish line approaches. A nice 200m straight into the finish line always ensures there are some great finishes.

Ladies team of Lisa Ward, Orla Mc Weeney and Mary Browne came home 9th of 41 teams a fantastic result from such a strong race field. O40 Ladies team 15th out of 32 Mary Browne, Sile Mc Intyre and Eileen O'Brien.

Mens team 24th out of 58 teams, Will Byrne, Gary Farrell, and Pat O' Dwyer, this same team were 16th out of 41 in the O40 category.

There were many super individual times by club members, well done to everyone who turned out and represented the club in such great numbers.

### Parkrun

Meanwhile in London we had club members Anne Mc Grane, Lorraine Heffernan and Bernie Stapelton taking part in the original Parkrun is Bushy Park London



*Above Lorraine, Bernie and Anne in London*



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday we looked at some of the free software that is available to process photographs and concluded that, depending on whether you are a really serious photographer or just have it as a nice hobby, some of the free software may satisfy your needs. Without a doubt we accepted that you cannot expect anything like the range of processing options that come with a package like Photoshop with a free software package.

Last weekend we gave over the back page to publicising the plans of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes to organise a pilgrimage to the regions of Tuscany and Umbria in Italy either later this year or in early 2024. It looks like a lovely trip and hopefully it will happen.

As a consequence, some photographs were held over including Conor's photograph of Ireland's smallest breeding bird species – the Goldcrest - which measures just 9 cm in length. The bird is a common resident throughout Ireland. Also held over was Michael B's photo of Shackleton's Mills from an unusual angle, the opposite side of the river Liffey.



New this week were Anna's photograph taken in the grounds of the Spa Hotel at sunset and Joe's photo of Snowdrops, a sure sign that winter is drawing to an end. Interestingly these beautiful flowers are poisonous if eaten! They are not native to this part of the world. Their native range is mainland Europe.



*Until next week stay safe!*