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## A word of thanks!

On Tuesday night last St. Mary's hosted a choral concert in aid of displaced people within Ukraine. A visiting Choir from Davenport, Iowa in the USA gave us a splendid evening of beautiful pieces to a very high standard. Tuesday was one of those super-muggy evenings with soaring temperatures, and I really feared that nobody would venture to the concert. However my fears were in vain and a very respectable crowd turned out for the event. In total, the event raised just over €5,000 and was a resounding success. The money raised has already been sent to the Bishop of the Diocese of Chernivtsi in Ukraine, and will be used to feed people impoverished by the appalling war. Thank you to everyone who supported. The people of Lucan are generous as ever.

## Building hope

Some weeks ago St. Mary's Parish held their consultation as part of the Diocesan initiative 'Building hope' This initiative is an opportunity for every parishioner to express a view on current realities in our parishes, and to be part of a process to meet the challenges of the rapidly changing church scene in our parishes.

## Calling all St. Patrick's Parishioners

St. Patrick's Parish are currently conducting their consultation.

You are invited to share your thoughts and views on a number of questions about parish life (e.g. faith, servant leadership, social justice etc.) in the survey. In each case you are asked to comment on which areas work well and which ones are in need of further development.

There is one question at the end asking you to nominate up to 5 parishes which you think it would make sense for St. Patrick's parish to partner with.

There are a total of nine questions to respond to. **To take part in the survey:**

1. Scan the QR code below on the camera of your smart phone. The code will take you straight to the survey.



OR

- Go to [www.menti.com](http://www.menti.com)
- Enter the code 6603792.
- You are now in the survey and can enter your responses.

**The survey will remain open until 3 August 2022.**

Please take part – Your parish needs your participation!

*Philip Curran*

*Parish Priest of the Parishes of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's*

## 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

**Seniorline** – National Confidential Listening Service for older people.

Freephone 1800 80 45 91

Lines are open every day 10 am to 10 pm.

**Family Carers Ireland** – No one should have to care alone.

National freephone careline - 1800 24 07 24

The following is a reply to a recent Parliamentary Question by the Minister for Social Protection, Minister Heather Humphreys TD, 21 June 2022, in response to PQ 31880/22 about Recognition payment for those offering accommodation for people fleeing the war in Ukraine.

"The Government has approved a monthly flat rate recognition payment of €400 per property in respect of individual properties (shared or vacant) to those who provide accommodation for people fleeing the war in Ukraine. My Department will administer the payment on behalf of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

The recognition payment will be conditional on a minimum time commitment for hosting (6 months), with payments continuing for hosting arrangements beyond this timeframe. Payments

will be backdated for those providing accommodation since the outbreak of the conflict.

The payment is a 'recognition payment', that is, a financial contribution that recognises the generosity of those who have opened their homes to those fleeing the war in Ukraine. The payment will be available to all people hosting those who have arrived here from Ukraine, irrespective of whether this arrangement was made privately and directly or made through the Irish Red Cross pledge process.

The rate is not related to any specific named additional costs or category of costs incurred. The payment will be exempt from income tax and excluded from any means testing for other schemes of State supports. It is intended to have the necessary legislation to enable the payment in place by mid-July.

Officials in my Department are working with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and the Department of Justice to input to the necessary legislation and are developing the administrative and IT systems to support this important payment. People will be able to apply for the payment online through my Department's MyWelfare.ie service once the necessary legislation is in place. Payment will be made monthly in arrears, and it is intended that the first payments will issue in August."

*Life can only be understood backwards;  
But it must be lived forwards.*

*Soren Kierkegaard*

## Final Summer Issue Next Week!



Next week's issue, **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** will be our final publication before our 3-week summer break.

**Notices** for events for the **month of August**, including any for **Heritage Week**, should be with us by next **Wednesday night, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10pm** at the latest.

## Lucan Planning Council

LPC received a response from the NTA. In an unsigned email they tell us at a cursory glance it does not appear to them Lucan residents need direct access to the city for the former users of the 25 route and for thousands of new households in the extended vicinity of Dodsboro, Woodview, Meadowview, Hillcrest, and those in newer estates in the Adamstown direction.

We are preparing a response. A small interim survey tells us by far the vast majority are in favour of LPC's suggestion of a direct route to the city and everyone without exception is in favour of the L52 going to Blanchardstown Hospital.

Unsigned responses from the NTA make it more difficult for us to identify who is writing to us and for us to make the point Lucan needs more from the NTA than a cursory glance regarding the need for a direct route to the city by former 25 bus users. Nevertheless, changes are needed for the welfare of all and in particular older people, those with a disability, and those with small children trying to use public transport on a daily basis to meet their needs.

Those on the former 239 route now need to get three buses to our local public hospital. It's difficult to understand why the NTA have no apparent insight into the human difficulty this causes. Further action will be taken. We are pursuing on your behalf.

**Please note a public meeting will be held on Saturday 30th July at 11am on The Green at Sarsfield Park regarding extending the former 239 bus (L52) by one stop to enter the grounds of Blanchardstown Hospital.**

Further action will be taken regarding the 25 route also and the need for direct access to the city. We will keep you informed.

*Caitríona McClean*  
*Secretary of Lucan Planning Council*

### A HUGE Good Luck

to **Sarah Tavey** who'll be rowing for Ireland this weekend in London.

Also to **Sophie Henry** who will be coxing.

Both girls are from Beech Park and started rowing with **Youth Fun!**



## My travels on pilgrimage with Fr. Tom

As we say a sad farewell to Fr Thomas Kennedy and wish him well in his new appointment as parish priest of Castledermot I reflected on the pilgrimages that I have undertaken with him over his years in St. Mary's Parish.

My first pilgrimage with Fr. Tom was in May 2010 when a small group of 5 parishioners set off to venerate the Holy Shroud in Turin. It was a time of air travel disruption caused by the ash from the Icelandic volcano eruption and our travel plans were thwarted many times because of cancelled flights but we finally got going. In September that year a group of 50 parishioners set off with Fr. Tom on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The time of our pilgrimage coincided with the Jewish feast of Yom Kippur, one of the holiest days of the year for the Jewish people. In October 2011 a group of 17 parishioners travelled with Fr. Tom to Rome and Assisi.

In September 2013 there was another pilgrimage to the Holy Land again coinciding with the feast of Yom Kippur. This time we also took in Jordan. This was at a time of high political tension in the Middle East. Some said we were foolhardy to go at this time to a region where on one occasion we were within minutes of the point where Jordan, Israel and Syria touch! But we went, trusting in the Lord. Jordan for me is the "undiscovered" Holy Land. The ministry of Jesus encompassed both side of the river Jordan which today marks the border between Jordan and Israel and there are also sites in that country of great significance to Judaism. We visited the site which today archaeologists agree is probably the actual site where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist and we celebrated a renewal of our baptisms there. We also visited Mount Nebo where Moses first viewed the Promised Land.

The Shroud of Turin was on display again in 2015 and off some of us went again with Fr. Tom! My final pilgrimage with Fr. Tom was in September 2015 when a group of parishioners went on the pilgrimage entitled "The Shrines of Italy". We took in San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciano where the "Miracolo Eucaristico" took place, Loreto, the great Marian shrine of Italy, Padua (St. Anthony) and Venice. Unfortunately the advent of Covid in March 2000 meant that it was not possible to travel. I hasten to add that this record of the pilgrimages I have undertaken with Fr. Tom does not attempt to record all Fr. Tom's travels while he has been with us in Lucan.

*Michael Grant*

## 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 will continue to be live-streamed on**

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



### Invitation

**Fr Tom** will celebrate his last Mass here in St Mary's at **12 noon on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022** before he takes up his new position in Castledermot.

There will be light refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

All Welcome



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster August 2022

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil and Sunday masses in St. Mary's for the month of August 2022 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

### Christian Meditation:

Tuesdays at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine.*

### 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.*

### Baptisms:

Dates are bookable on line up to the end of **December 2022**. If you need to cancel a booking contact: [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

### 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*

### 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.

*Deepest sympathy* to family and friends of **Catriona McLoughlin**, Hermitage Road, to the family and friends of **Úna McLoughlin**, Beech Park and to the wife, family and friends of **George McGrath, Esker Cottages**. *May they rest in peace.*



### Icon Writing Course for St Mary's

**August 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**

*In St Mary's Parish Centre.*

*9.30am – 5.30pm each day.*

Writing (painting) an icon is a prayerful and specialised gift and we are very fortunate to have Mihai Cucu, writer of the WMOF icon, to give the course.



Cost €350. All materials will be provided (includes all brush sets, paints, gold, boards) and the week will draw to a close with a special Mass in St Mary's when the icons will be anointed and blessed.

***Places are limited. Please contact Bernie Martin on 087 2240606***

## Lucan Presbyterian Church

Main Street, Lucan, Co. Dublin

### Sunday Morning Worship: 11am.

(temporary time)

(There's tea and coffee after the service)

Lucan Presbyterian Church is a growing family of Christians who come from a variety of different church backgrounds, traditions and nationalities. Regardless of your age, background, experience or previous church connections you are welcome to come and visit us.

### Contact:

e-mail: [lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:lucanpresbyterian@gmail.com)

telephone: +353 (0)1 628 0217

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday 10:15am and 12:15pm

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

Sat.10am

All Masses will be livestreamed on

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



### Divine Mercy Church Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Our Annual Parish Pilgrimage and Marian Movement of Priests Pilgrimage to Knock is on

**Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

The bus will be leaving from the car park of our church at 8am. The cost of the bus is €18 per person and is required when booking your seat.

Tea is available in St. Johns Centre in Knock but please bring a packed lunch.



**All are welcome to come with us on this special day**

Booking can be made through the parish office from 9.45am to 1pm Monday to Friday Phone 01 4572900 or phone Bernadette at 0862209634

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

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

**Thu:** 7pm: Holy Hour (Adoration/Confession)

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

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

### Morning Prayers of the Church:

Monday to Friday: 8.40am.

The Church will now be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

### Bingo night:

Wednesdays at 7.30pm. In the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Meet up with friends, connect with new people and to assist with fund raising for the Church. All are Welcome!

### Coffee Morning:

Our Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10am (after the 9.15am Mass) in the John Paul II Memorial Hall. Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee, biscuits/cakes – or just drop in for a chat!

### Divine Bloom:

Every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass. All are Welcome!

## 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.

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

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

The **10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families; it is an accessible liturgy for children and enables them to participate more fully in the Sunday Mass.

## St. Andrew's Church of Ireland

**St Andrew's, Lucan:**

**Sunday:** 9am and 10am.

**Wednesday:**10am

**St Mary's, Leixlip:**

**Sunday:**11.30am.

**Tuesday:** 10am

Services are available on our parish

Facebook pages:

[St. Andrew's Church, Lucan](#) or [St Mary's Church, Leixlip](#)

## Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2022

Join over 1000 young people between 16 and 35 this August at the **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from **Thursday 11th August to Sunday 14th August 2022**.

For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## Month's Mind Mass



### Micheál Ó Dhoibhilin

Month's Mind Mass will take place for **Michaél** on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**, in St. Mary's Church, Lucan.

## Anniversary

### Rose Donnelly

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 26<sup>th</sup> July

Of all the gifts in life,  
However big or small  
To have you as our mother  
Was the greatest gift of all  
*Always loved and never forgotten by Paula,  
Bren, Andrew, Rachel, Samantha, Freya and  
Harry xxxxx*



## Birthday Remembrance

### Jemmers Condron

Happy Heavenly 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday away from home,  
to my beloved husband **Jemmers**.

#### We Miss You

We miss your smile,  
Your joking ways.  
We miss the things  
You used to say,  
And when old times  
We do recall.  
It's when we miss you  
Most of all

*From your loving wife Philomena, sons Paul and  
Jay and extended family.*



## Pilgrimages

### Medjugorje 2022

**6 Nights** - 19<sup>th</sup> October, Dublin (5pm) to Mostar (9pm). 25<sup>th</sup> October, Split (5.15pm) to Dublin (9pm). € 685.00pps

**8 Nights** - 19<sup>th</sup> October, Dublin (5pm) to Mostar (9pm). 27<sup>th</sup> October, Split (5.15pm) to Dublin (9pm) €745.00pps

### Fatima

**5 Nights** - 7<sup>th</sup> September, Dublin (6.45am) to Lisbon (9.25am). 12<sup>th</sup> September, Lisbon (5.25pm) to Dublin 8.05pm) €595pps.

*Monthly Medjugorje Mass – see facebook or call Pat 087 223 891 or call Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 (and say I'm going with Pat Colgan)*



## Pathways: Exploring Faith as an Adult

*Pathways* is a two year, one evening a week Adult Faith Development course held on Thursday evenings, run by the Dublin Archdiocese in DCU St Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Road., Dublin, 9 from late September to May (7.00p.m to 9.30p.m).

Application is now open for September 2022. Early application is advised. Contact: Pathways Director Sr Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie) Web: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

Information brochures will be available in the Church porches in the very near future.

## How to use a Ringbuoy

**Stand** back from edge and establish voice contact with the person, shouting 'Kick your legs'

**Look** for the nearest ringbuoy (Yellow Box)

**Stand** on the end of the rope or hold it in your hand

**Holding** the ringbuoy, swing back, then release forward with an under-arm throw, shouting: Ringbuoy! Ringbuoy! Ringbuoy!

**Aim** to land the ringbuoy beyond the person, so that the ringbuoy can be pulled into their grasp

**Instruct** the person to hold the ringbuoy. Slowly pull them to land, reassuring them

**Get** others to help you



## Esker Cemetery Mass

The Annual Cemetery Mass and Blessing of Graves will take place on

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.**  
(weather permitting)



## Lucan Active Retirement Association

Our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of our dear member Marguerite who died recently. Marguerite was a long time, and very active member of our club, and we will sorely miss her. RIP Marguerite.

Our Summer outing by luxury coach to County Leitrim was a great success. A tour of the The Shed Distillery in Drumshanbo was followed by lunch and then on to Carrick on Shannon for a relaxing musical river cruise on the River Shannon. We rounded off the day with an enjoyable meal in Lucan Golf Club.

We wish everyone at Lucan Newsletter a good Summer break.

We look forward to meeting everyone again in September back in St Andrew's Hall Lucan.



### Arthur Griffith Park 50th Anniversary

The year is 1972.....

**Date: 20th of August 2022 at 2pm to 8pm**

**Memorial Mass  
for Deceased Past Residents**

**Family Fun Day, Music, Food, Bouncy Castles,  
Nostalgic Street Games for Kids, Face  
Painting, Performers, and much more.....**

**1970's Fancy Dress**

**Venue: Arthur Griffith Park Lucan**

Front entrance greens (extremely limited parking, event accessible by public transport C1, C2, L51).

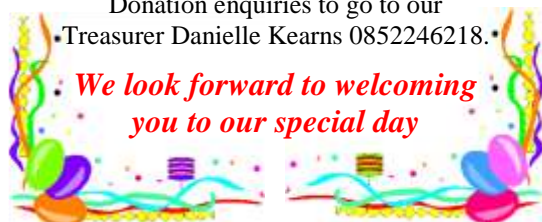
*This is a community event organised by local people so donations greatly welcomed.*

**For all enquiries** contact the Arthur Griffith Park 50th Anniversary Committee:

Chairperson Anita O Kearney 0894366828  
or Secretary Sarah Graham 0868619137.

Donation enquiries to go to our

• Treasurer Danielle Kearns 0852246218. •



***We look forward to welcoming  
you to our special day***

## Palmerstown Camera Club

As summer has finally reached us at Palmerstown Camera Club we are running photography outings to places like Bective abbey, Glendalough, Malahide and Skerries to mention just a few.

The below image is from last week's outing to Lough Owel and was taken by Garrett Hayes.



At Lucan Library there is a scaled-down version of the photography exhibition which we held back in June in Palmerstown. We are also running a win a print competition at the library.

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)



### Contacts:

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**Parish Notes / Fund Raising**  
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**Anniversaries etc. / Advertising Queries**  
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**Reports and Ads. etc** may also be left at the usual addresses: St. Mary's Parish Centre Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

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





**We thought our Summer sunshine would never arrive!**

We've been sizzling all week with a record 33C in the middle of it all, but we're not complaining – early morning walks are a joy, and we can take it fairly easy the rest of the day, just pottering about – you know, we Irish are not made for that heat!

**Oh how we need our Swimming Pool!**

Apparently we'll have it for Christmas – do you ever feel that everyone else is having a laugh at Lucan!!!!

It boggles the mind that some places are on their second and third pool at this stage, and still nothing in Lucan. *Shure we have the Liffey!!!*

**Isn't it nice to see the artist behind the colourful Dublin Canvas art!**



Our roving photographer spotted **Leopoldo Ayala**, all the way from Venezuela to Lucan, completing this Dublin Canvas, at the junction of the N4/Adamstown Road, just down from Esker Church, last weekend.

Leopoldo is also responsible for another very colourful Dublin Canvas on Shackleton Drive.

These delightful scenes add to an already brilliant collection by various artists, all over Lucan.

Keep an eye out for all these wonderful 'feel-good' works of art!



**Hillcrest Kids from 1977.....**



Following our article *Lucan Land Loophole 1977*, in last week's issue, we were delighted to receive the names of the children in the above photo.

These little people, all from Hillcrest Heights are: **Emmet Brady, Natalie O'Neill, Thomas Doolan and Nicola Weir.**

*Big thank you to the person who sent in the names!*

**A Haircut for the Willow.....**



The *Barber* must have visited the Willow Tree on the Village Green last week, as it got to shed its load for the very hot weather.

**While on the subject of trees**, it was very upsetting to see all the young trees either snapped in two or pulled from the ground near Castle Riada – Shame on those responsible!



## The Coffee House

The Coffee House was a wooden sylvan type building situated across the bridge at the entrance to the modern Laraghcon estate.

Built by Hills and Shackletons in the late 1800s, it was hoped it would serve as an alternative to the pubs of Lucan.

It seems not to have worked, but the building became a sort of 'community centre' – long before the term was ever invented.



Christopher Ledwidge, who was born in Lucan in 1901, referred to it as the 'Band House' – where the local Fife and Drum band had their practices and was often used for dances in his day. He also recalled bread being handed out from here during the great 'Lock Out' of 1913.

Lucan's first Vocational School had its beginnings here before moving to The Forge at Dodsboro, and to the building on Esker Hill in 1953. This was the pre-runner to Lucan Community College.

For a time in the 1950s, it was home to the Gannon family, and later housed Trade Union Offices. Eventually it yielded to scavenges of time and fell in to disrepair being demolished in 1984.



Council worker, **Martin Monaghan** doffs his cap to Weir View residents, the late **Josie and Willie Ennis**, as demolition got underway.

**Tom Byrne and Paul Morrison** at the site.



**Pat O'Rourke, Jack Lambe, and Martin Monaghan** getting the job done!

**All gone.....**

This picture was taken shortly after the Coffee House was demolished, and long before anyone was thinking of houses in Laraghcon.

*(Photos courtesy of the late Peter Brady, and from our archives)*



# Lucan Library

**Mondays (25th July) 2pm - 4pm**

**Board Games for Children** - bring a friend and have a game of Snakes and Ladders, Chess, Scrabble, Guess Who? lots of fun games to choose from in this free play.



**Tuesdays 26th July** 10.30am - 12.30pm.

**Magformers Madness! Free play with the library's Magformers Set.** Drop in for 15 or 20 minutes and enjoy some magforming!

**Thursday 28th July at 10am**

**Toddler Time with Sarah Sparkles**

Bookings via Lucan Library Eventbrite

**Lucan Library Book Clubs Monthly meetings:**

Monday Lunchtime 25th July, 12noon

Wednesday Evening 27th July, 7pm

## Heritage Week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 7-8pm.**

**Decade of Centenaries talk**

**The Big House and the Civil War, speaker John Dorney.** Join historian John Dorney for a discussion of the fate of the Big Houses and landed estates during the Irish Civil War.

John Dorney is an independent historian and chief editor and writer of the Irish Story website. His books include *Peace After the Final Battle*, the *Story of the Irish Revolution* (2014) and *The Irish Civil War in Dublin, the fight for the Irish capital 1922-1924* (2017).

This is an online event which will be delivered via Zoom. You can book a place through Eventbrite at [www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-big-house-and-the-irish-civil-war-tickets-294562473287](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-big-house-and-the-irish-civil-war-tickets-294562473287)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30-7.30pm**

**Interview with General Emmet Dalton by Seamus Cullen & Tony Maher.**

This fascinating talk is based on Tony's interview with General Dalton when he was a young soldier. Emmet Dalton was an American born Dubliner, Home Ruler and Republican with an extraordinary military career as a British Officer, IRA Leader and General in the Free State. This talk is on in the library, and you can book a place through Eventbrite at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-august-2022-tickets-383341935047)

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 6.30-7.30pm.**

**The Emergence of Irish Gothic Fiction with Jarlath Killeen.**



Professor Jarlath Killeen of Trinity College will discuss the emergence of Irish gothic fiction in mid-eighteenth century and argue how it was

used as a fictional instrument of liberal Anglican opinion in a changing political landscape. Mary Shelley, Horace Walpole, Bram Stoker and Robert Maturin will be some of the figures discussed!

On Thursday 25th August at 6.30pm in Lucan Library, you can book through Eventbrite at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-august-2022-tickets-383341935047)



**Musical Tots – 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 am**

Musical Tots is a fun, structured, educational music workshop for children from 6months to pre-schoolers with their parent/guardian

**About this event**  
Interactive musical workshop for pre-schoolers (6 months and older) with their parent/guardian.

Please book one ticket for each child attending

**Booking from 13th of August at 10.30am**  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-august-2022-tickets-383337622147>

**Toddler Time**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10 am**

Rhymes, songs and fun with Sarah Sparkles for toddlers and their accompanying adult

**About this event.**  
*With Sarah Sparkles*

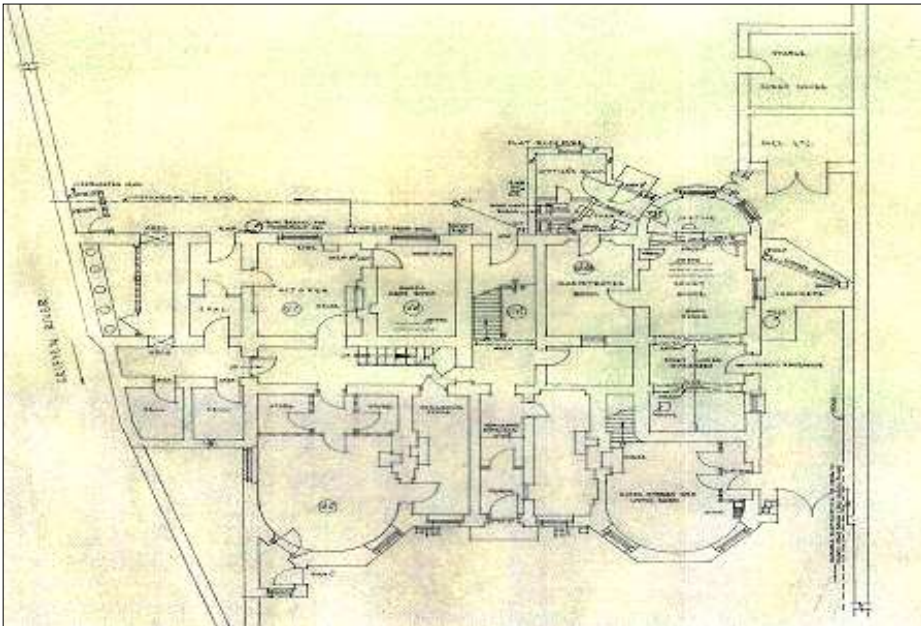
Come along to the library for a fun session of rhymes, songs and activities. Aimed at toddlers who must be accompanied by an adult to take part together.

One ticket should be booked for each child participating.

**Booking from 18th of August at 10am**  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/toddler-time-august-2022-tickets-383341935047>

# LUCAN FESTIVAL

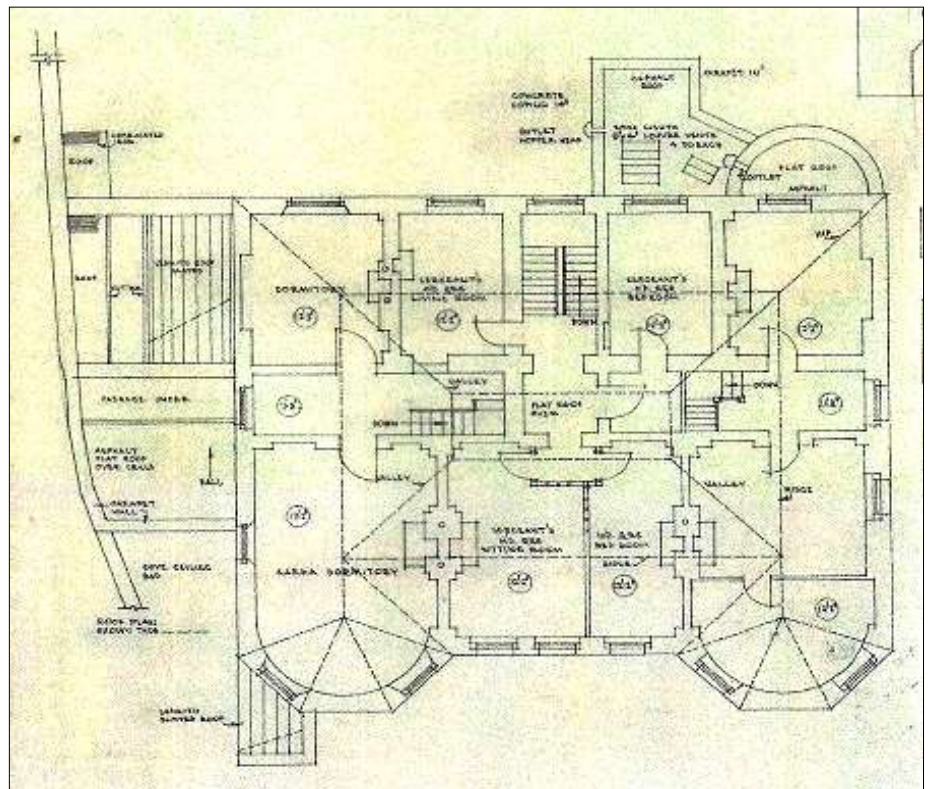
In 1922 the Garda took possession of Lucan RIC barracks and the attached drawings show what they found.



Ground floor had public offices but also had married quarters and a Petty Sessions court.

The first floor is interesting to us today as married and single Gardai lived there.

Things have changed since then, no District Court and no married or single accommodation.



You can see the changes on **Sunday 11th September** when there will be an **OPEN DAY** where you can view the Cells, be finger printed, see Garda horses, enjoy the Garda Band and wish them well for the next 100 years.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Team News

Another historic week with congratulations to Siobhán Birnie and Coach Triona Leonard on Dublin's U16 All Ireland LF final win v Cork on Wednesday evening.



Siobhán scored 3 points from wing back and won the Player of the Match award and was presented with her award by Munster LGFA President and LGFA vice-President, Robbie Smith.



Dublin were victorious after extra time on a score line of Dublin 4-12 (24) Cork 3-09 (18). It's wonderful to be able to post all this news for our ladies who really are growing stronger every season and doing a great job representing our club.

### Social News & Events

#### Premium Ticket Draw

Tickets in short supply for the football final. €20 to be in the hat, 087 2546555, [Paul.mcgann@dortek.com](mailto:Paul.mcgann@dortek.com)

#### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €1,800. The Numbers were **8, 13, 20, 26.**

#### Lucky Dip prizes go to,

- John McCaffery, Aidan Roche, Grainne O'Ceallaigh, Sinead Sealey and Cathy O'Neill

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€2,200**. The draw is sponsored by O'Gradys Hearing Care Services and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.



*Tá €2,200 sa phota óir don tseachtain seo chugainn agus is é urraitheoir na seachtaine: Beidh sé beo ón Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin, an leathanach Facebook.*

*Déan cinnte go bhfuil d'iontráil curtha isteach agaibh roimh 6 i.n. oíche an chrannchuir, chun í a chur san áireamh sa chrannchur na seachtaine sin.*

The draw will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, at 9pm and is streamed from Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse, on our Facebook page. Make sure your entry is submitted before 6pm on the evening of the draw to be included in that week's draw.

*Is féidir libh ticéadaí a cheannacht ar líne leis an nasc seo:*

Tickets can be purchased online at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsClubLotto>.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh as ucht tacú le Na Sárséalaigh Leamhcáin*

*Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.*



## LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

### 18 Strokeplay (Gross)

15-17 July 2022

- Gents Class 1 Winner  
Damian Creevey – 45
- Gents Class 2 Winner  
Norman Cassidy - 51 (Back 2)
- Gents Class 3 Winner  
David Nolan – 54
- Ladies Class 1 Winner –  
Philo Condron – 57
- Ladies Class 2 Winner  
Trish Anderson Trish Anderson – 65.

### New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

Our Club is now open for membership. If you would like to join our Club, please contact the Secretary in writing and we will be in touch with the relevant details by return. You can join as a family or individual or 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 at the weekend or contact us at

[info@lucanpitchandputt.com](mailto:info@lucanpitchandputt.com)

### Social Calendar

- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Music  
Decades of Sound
- 20<sup>th</sup> August –  
President's Prize and  
dinner – ticket only
- 24<sup>th</sup> September –  
Music
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Race  
Night.



## Passing of a Legend

*The Racing Post* described **Georgie McGrath** as “top class – dual Irish champion jockey”, listing a string of victories throughout his career spanning the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s.

Back in those days, locals kept a keen eye on the success of the local boy from Esker, who was associated with many great names in the horse racing world.

He was twice Champion Jockey, having ridden 4 classic winners including Weaver’s Hall in the 1973 Irish Derby. He also rode Furry Glen (1974) and Sadler’s Wells (1984) to victory in the Irish 2000 Guineas, and had a string of successes on famed courses across the pond, and indeed as far as India where he won the Indian Derby in 1971.



George on *Furry Glen* in 1974

Georgie McGrath will be fondly remembered by all.

*May he rest in peace.*

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## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Fáilte chuig an Nuachtlitir is déanaí ó Na Gaeil Óga bhfaighidh tú an t-eola déanaí faoi gach rud at tarlú inár bpobal bríom:



### Campa Samhraidh

Tá an Campa Samhraidh críochnaithe go ceann tamaill... ach beidh campa eile ar siúl i mí Lúnasa má tá suim ag aon duine! Cuir téacs go hAilbhe: 0830949215

### Tóraíocht Taisce!

A chairde, tá siúl againn go bhfuil sibh ag baint sult as an samhradh agus as an aimsir álainn! Mar chlub táimid ag iarraidh leanúint ar aghaidh ag cleachtadh ár gcuid scileanna. Beidh muid ag cur tús leis an gcomórtas seo inniu agus beidh 7 seachtaine agaibh na dúshlán go léir a chríochnú! Seol do iontráil chuig Ailbhe 0830949215 idir an 02/09 - 09/09 agus beidh seans agat duais a bhaint! Go n-éirí libh!

### Scavenger Hunt!

*Hello everyone, we hope you are enjoying the summer and the lovely weather. As a club we want to continue to practice our skills throughout the summer. We will be starting this competition today and you will have 7 weeks to complete as many challenges as you can! Send your entries to Ailbhe 0830949215 between 02/09 - 09/09 to be in with a chance to win prizes! Good luck!*

**Tóraíocht Taisce**

1. Tóg pictiúr le do chamán in aice leis an Life.
2. Cruthaigh damhsa beag le do liathróid peile.
3. Minigh scil CLG amháin do pháiste eile.
4. Seol fiseán ar do leathanta saoire a rá rud faoi NGO.
5. Cruthaigh cluiche le do chamán ag imirt in aghaidh an balla.
6. Tóg fiseán le scil nua atá foghlaimtha agat.
7. Cruthaigh cúrsa bacainní sa bhaile.
8. Tóg pictiúr ag cluiche NGO.
9. Seol pictiúr agus tusa sa bhaile ag feachaint ar an gcluiche ceannais peile nó iomáiníochta ar an teilifís faoi dún pilliúr.
10. Scríobh 'NGO abú' in áit aisteach (le do bhróg nó ar an trá)
11. Tarraing bratach nua le haghaidh NGO.
12. Tóg pictiúr leis an méid is mó liathróidí I do lámh.

## POLITICAL NOTES

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### Wetlands Progress Update – Griffeen Valley Park:

The construction of the wetlands project is underway in Griffeen Valley Park since July 4<sup>th</sup> and is set to be completed by the end of August. Diggers are on site and have removed the soil, and this will be relocated to the upper end of the park. Planting will occur in August and the wetlands will take 2 years to mature. This is the first of 5 new county-wide wetlands projects in support of biodiversity.

### Agreed New Seating – Lucan:

At the June 2021 Area Committee meeting, I had a motion agreed to place some new public seating on the hilly approaches into Lucan Village. To date, we have not yet seen this delivered – thank you to the residents that reminded me – I have sought an update and will share details, just as soon as I have more information.

### Emer Higgins, TD – Fine Gael

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[Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie)

### India Day Launch in Adamstown:

I was delighted to launch the campaign for this year's India Day celebrations in Adamstown Community Centre. The 2022 Festival will take place in Merrion Square on August 21st. All welcome.

### Developmental Check-Ups for Lucan Babies:

Last week I again raised the cancellation of infant developmental check-ups in the Dáil. Parents understandably are really angry to have this basic service cancelled. I've been told that the issue will be alleviated by the recruitment of new public health nurses in the coming months and will continue to work on this.

*Political notes cont'd on page 19*

### Three Simple Rules in Life

1. *If you don't ask, the answer will always be no.*
2. *If you don't step forward, you will always be in the same place.*
3. *If you don't go after what you want, you'll never get it.*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I hope you all have recovered from the heatwave at the beginning of the week. We are clearly not designed to live in such temperatures. Maybe it was because of the heat but photographing butterflies seems to have become a craze last week with the members of the Soiree. Michael G, Conor and Joe got in on the act. About a dozen photographs of butterflies were submitted. As there are about 34 butterfly species found in Ireland the Soiree has a long way to go to photograph them all.



Apart from butterflies there were photographs of the Sugarloaf Mountain, Damselflies of various hues and the highlight of the week for me, Joe's photograph of a Kingfisher (Irish name Croidín) taken in St. Edmundsbury. Life as winged adult damselflies is relatively short, with most living just a few weeks.

The Kingfisher with its very distinctive brightly coloured plumage is widespread in Ireland. The bird resides on Irish streams, rivers and canals. The species is very sedentary and the bird rarely moves from its territory but is still very difficult to photograph.



*Stay safe until next week!*