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## **Look out for one another!**

This summer holiday time is filled with expectation for ourselves and for one another in a way similar to Christmas. We look forward to some free time, some more family time, some different activity or place and rest. However, the reality is often different, as we can see for those who might be dependent on now cancelled Aer Lingus flights to get away or receive friends or family members, or for those for whom extra family time or free time might be perceived as a nightmare rather than a dream. The common greeting to one another to enjoy the holidays or the question enquiring about where one is going away, can place a burden of unreal expectation on individuals who cannot get away or are facing inner turmoil that prevents them from being happy-clappy about the idea of holidays.

Facing into holidays is a bit akin to standing on a train platform waiting to get on a train. There is a gap between the platform and the train as there is a breath of space as one looks towards holidays or a break from routine. In order to step from the platform safely onto a carriage that will always have some motion, except when at the terminus, requires stability and wellbeing, and sometimes courage. For those with stable footing in life currently, the gap and the motion won't even be noticed. Similarly, those who stand on the edge anxiously may also not be noticed and may be in danger.

During these gap times, it is important to be alert to how people are and to look out for those who are tentative, anxious or struggling. Asking for help is not always easy, and the source of help is usually more easily seen by those whose eyes are raised in welcome anticipation of the day. While those in need become even more invisible in times when many around them are caught up in excitement.

Mental health or ill health is not seen like a broken leg, but can be more disabling and limiting. It is worth looking into the eyes of those whom we encounter so that they need not be alone at a gap moment. Anyone can be struggling at any time for no apparent reason, including the seemingly strong ones!



*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

#### Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### Disabled Person's Parking Permit

You can apply for a parking permit to allow you to park in disabled parking spaces in Ireland and the EU if you are a person with severe restricted mobility or are certified as blind.

The permit is available if you are a driver or passenger of a vehicle. It is valid for 2 years from the issue date.

The scheme is run in Ireland by the Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland (DDAI) and the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA).

It costs €35 to apply and you can apply online to the IWA or the DDAI. They will ask you some questions to check if you qualify and then send you an application form by email or post.

The parking permit is known as the Disabled Person's Parking Card or Permit and the EU Parking Card for People with disabilities.

### Check if you qualify

You can apply for a card if you are a person with severe restricted mobility or are certified as blind.

*You will need one of the following:*

Have your medical practitioner or consultant certify that you meet the medical and mobility criteria.

Hold a Primary Medical Certificate. If so, you will automatically qualify, but you still need to apply for the card.

Be certified blind by Vision Ireland (formally National Council for the Blind), a GP, Ophthalmologist or Optician. You will still need to apply for the card.

You can check if you are eligible on the Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland website or the Irish Wheelchair Association website.

### How to apply for a Primary Medical

**Certificate:** You must apply for the Primary Medical Certificate through your Local Health Office. A Primary Medical Card is very useful as you can use it for other related benefits such as to exempt yourself from paying VAT, motor tax and Vehicle Registration Tax.

### How to use the Parking Card

You can use the card in any vehicle you are travelling in, either as a passenger or driver. This means you can bring the card with you and display it in the vehicle that you are driving or travelling in. You can park in assigned disabled person's parking spaces. These spaces have the wheelchair symbol painted on the ground or have a sign with a symbol displayed.

### How to display your Parking Card

You must have a valid card displayed on your vehicle windshield to use a disabled parking space. The card will show your signature and photograph.

**More information** is available on our website including parking offences and disabled parking spaces and using the card if you are travelling abroad.

**Legislation:** The law for the disabled parking card scheme is in Section 35 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and SI 182/1997 Road Traffic (Traffic and Parking) Regulations 1997.

### Where to apply

**Disabled Drivers Association,** Parking Card Section, Ballindine, Claremorris, Mayo.

Tel: (094) 936 4054/4266 or (01) 8103794

Homepage: <http://www.ddai.ie/>

Email: [parkingcard@ddai.ie](mailto:parkingcard@ddai.ie)

### Irish Wheelchair Association

Áras Cúchulainn, Blackheath Drive

Clontarf, Dublin 3, D03 AW62

Tel: +353 1 818 6400

Homepage: <http://www.iwa.ie>

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

## Liffey Sound Podcast Training Course Presentation of Certificates



On completion of a six week course in Podcast Training by Liffey Sound in the Adamstown Youth &

Community Centre Conducted by Neil Elworthy the following participants received their certificates completion - Vinu Kaippilly Narayanan, Omar, Margaret Tuffy and Mary Browne. Included in the picture is Neil Elworthy course conductor and Pat Quinn Chairperson of Liffey Sound Communications Co-operative Society Limited.



When I woke up this morning I asked myself "What is life about?"  
I found the answer in my room.

The fan said "Be cool!"  
The ceiling said "Aim high!"  
The window said "See the world!"  
The clock said "Every minute is precious!"  
The mirror said "Reflect before you act!"  
The calendar said "Be up to date!"  
The door said "Push hard for your goals!"  
The floor said "Kneel down and pray, and be thankful for what we have!"

## OPEN DAY

at

### Kildare Animal Foundation

South Green Rd, Kildare Town R51 YE00 Sunday  
**14th July at 1pm**

Plants, Cakes, Antiques, Bottle Stall, Kiddies Games, Crafts, Face Painting, Pet Gifts and much much more.....

#### FREE ADMISSION AND FREE PARKING

Every cent raised goes directly to the care of sick and injured animals at the shelter.

*Please do NOT bring your own dog on the day as it upsets the resident animals*

## Happy 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Tadhg Fitzgerald

in Melbourne,  
who celebrated his big day on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Hope you had a great day, Tadhg!

Love from all your friends in Lucan!

## Primrose Hill Gardens

Are open for summer flowers.  
Also, tree walks in a scenic setting.

Very top of Primrose Lane, Lucan,  
in Lucan Village.



Adults - €6;  
Children - free

Open to July 7<sup>th</sup>  
2pm – 6pm every day



And *Heritage Week*  
17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2pm – 6pm

## Reminder.....

## Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements.  
(pages 8 and 13)

**Thank you** to those who have replied so far. Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and **NO 7pm. Mass**

**Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am.**

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

### Back Carpark



Entrance to back carpark at Lucan Heights is close until end of August due to construction work being carried out at St Joseph's

For Sunday Masses only you can gain entry through Scoil Mhuire gates. Turn right as you enter the Church Yard

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

**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.*

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

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

**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.

**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

**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](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Matt O'Reilly**, Cooldrinagh and late of Dodsboro Cottages.  
*May he rest in peace.*



## Summer Dues

Summer Dues Envelopes available in the Church Porches of all three Churches

The annual Summer Dues Collection has begun.

The Summer Dues collection goes to the Common Fund, which provides the salaries of the priests of the diocese. The Common Fund was under great pressure in the aftermath of COVID, so thank you for your generosity to the Common Fund since then. If you include your name and address on the envelope, it may help with claiming a tax refund from the Revenue Commissioners.



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

### St. Joseph's Society Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society are holding a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. The coach leaves Merrion Square at 10am. Total cost, including tea and scones en route and dinner on the way home is €60. Advance booking essential. Contact St. Joseph's Office 01-6762593 or Mary McClelland

### 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.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am.**

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

**Adoration:** Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

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

**Confessions:** Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

**Communion for the Homebound:** If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave you name and address, or email us at: [secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Tea/Coffee:

Every **TUESDAY** Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

*All are welcome.*



## Anniversaries

**Susan Connolly**

**9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Late of Arthur Griffith Park

As long as our hearts keep beating

As long as our eyes shed tears

We will always love and miss you

No matter how many years

We will never get over losing you

No matter how we try

We will keep you deep within our hearts

Until the day we die

*Always loved and never forgotten by Aidan,*

*Caroline, Jimmy, John, Caroline, Sandra, Philip,*

*Susanne, Ray, Kenneth, Helena and Alan*



**Nanny**

What we would give if we could say

Hello Nanny in the same old way

To hear her voice and see her smile

To sit with her and chat a while

Of all the gifts in life

However big or small

To love you as our Nanny

Was the greatest gift of all

*Loved and missed every day by Stacey, Katie,*

*Erika, Emma, Lara, Rachel, James, Sarah, Kirsty,*

*Shauna, Hannah, Heidi, Emily, Eva, Sophie and*

*Leah.*

**Thomas (Tom) Mc Morrow**

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Late of Sarsfield Park

Husband and Dad, your 6<sup>th</sup> year from us,

It is hard to believe you are gone from our family

Thinking of you on the day you went away

Today's a difficult day and always makes us sad,

Because it's too late to say

the things we wish we had.

You see we wish we told you,

far more often than we cared

that we were so grateful for the times we shared.

You are loved and missed so much and we think

of you all the time.

*Lots of love from your wife Lena, your family*

*Breda, David, Fiona, John, Stephen, Thomas and*

*Terence, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.*



## Medjugorje Mass

**In St Mary's Church, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary and Prayers at 5.45pm)

Log on to: [lucanparish.com](http://lucanparish.com)

Facebook: medjugorje mass lucan

All welcome



### Job Vacancy for Parish Secretary

St Patrick's Parish, Lucan, is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. The role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis for 20 hours per week, 9.30a.m. – 1.30p.m., Monday – Friday.

### Reporting to the Parish Priest, duties include:

- Providing an administrative service to St Patrick's Parish, Lucan
- Managing the parish office with effective use of up-to-date office systems
- Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries
- Maintaining computerised accounts for the parish
- Recording and managing parish records
- Responsibility for payroll function

### Requirements:

- The successful candidate will have at least 5 years administrative experience.
- Robust book-keeping skills and experience is essential and a Certificate in Accounting Technicians of Ireland (IATI), is desirable.
- Up-to-date computer skills including Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel with some database experience.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively
- Ability to work well as part of team.

### To Apply

Letters of application with enclosed curriculum vitae should be emailed to Fr Philip Curran at [pcurran@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pcurran@dublindiocese.ie) before 5p.m. on Friday 19 July. Add Application for Secretary Post to subject line on email. A job description will be sent to all candidates on application or enquiry.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto: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:** We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

**Family Fun Day:** We are looking forward to our family fun day on July 14th. We want to welcome all members of our local community to join us for a jam-packed day, including a pet farm, magic shows, a gaming van, facepainting and much more! We'll also have a quiet hour from 11-12, and the day runs until 3pm! See you there.

**Golden Hour Retirement Club:** Thanks to everybody who attended our Bridge hour this week! If you'd like to see more Bridge in the Centre, please email, message or call the centre (details above). If you have other ideas or suggestions for our retirement club, get in touch with us!

### Upcoming schedule:

July 11th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

July 18th @ 1pm - Chair Yoga & Coffee

July 25th @ 1pm - Social Coffee Hour

August 1st @ 1pm - Movement & Coffee

### Children's Art Summer Camp:

We are running an art summer camp for children from 8 July to 12 July in the centre (10am to 1pm). Cost is 110 euro per child. Book one of the last remaining places by contacting Amanda at 0851443605 or by email on [happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com](mailto:happylittleartistsartclub@gmail.com)



## FOUND

Found on Monday night last at 9pm, at bus stop between McDonalds and the roundabout, plastic hold-all bag with shoulder string, containing a number of items of designer clothing (*I think*). Owner please ring 087-9813236



### Depressing is right!

Depressing weather!

Depressing national and world-wide news!

It's getting harder to get up in the mornings.....

Still we're doing a lot better than most of the world!

**Big Well Done** to one particular group of people this week! Some schools in our area are hosting July Provision for children with special needs, and the teachers and SNA's involved deserve special commendation for making such a difference to these children's and their families' lives.

**Green Bins and what's ahead!** Let's hope that the rumours regarding price hikes with our green bins are only rumours. It seems that the recycle firms are losing out on lucrative profits from cans and plastic bottles, since the introduction of the recycle machines in the supermarkets etc.....

**Another shade of green is Aer Lingus!** Very hard luck on anyone caught up in this dispute, after booking those long looked-forward to holidays. Hopefully it will be solved very soon.

**Our Dubs Footballers** ended this year's journey last Saturday, but all is not lost as the Dubs Ladies take on Galway in their quarter final this Saturday at 7.30.

**Good luck to Lucan's Abby Shiels!**

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2024. These Back to Education Initiative (BTEI) courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

*The following subjects are available this term:*

Spanish for Beginners

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Intercultural Awareness

Business English

Improving English and Communication Skills

Digital Media

Reception & Frontline Office Skills

Advanced Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)

Payroll

**For more details,** contact

[lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie](mailto:lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie)

Or call (01) 6283557.



## Lucan Demesne in need of some TLC!

What's happening to the lovely wood sculptures in Lucan Demesne?

The beautiful mushrooms, and acorn leaves are simply rotting. The wood is soft to the touch all over.



Clearly these items cost a good sum of money when they were installed – one would think that regular maintenance would follow, but it appears that they were left to the weather without any maintenance.



On a happier note, it's great to see those young oak planted a few years back, develop into what are becoming great trees along the pathway. They'll be there when we're all gone!

The nearby orchard and beautiful Rosebay Willow Herb catch the eye at the moment too.



And what about this fellow – a Cormorant sunbathing on a sleepy afternoon....



## A dip in the archives.....

### More from 1984

29<sup>th</sup> January 1984: “**TELECOM**

The new Semi-state body to run the Irish telephone system and related services was launched with great publicity. A new image of speed, efficiency and value was projected nationwide.

Our local sub-postmaster, Carey’s Newsagents, agents of Telecom, find that the new image, wherever it comes from does not come from improvements in the working of the system.

1 – The Old P & T installed a phone when the shop was appointed last year, but **they could not give them a line!** The Lucan Sub Post Office still has not got a line – but it has a phone.

2 – The P.O. got permission to use the shop phone for telegrams and Post Office business, which means that the phone is often not available for the shop.

3 – Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January the SHOP phone is OUT OF ORDER!

No one has come to look at it. Telegrams have to be brought out from Dublin by motorcyclist.

Careys have made several reports and that failing have brought the matter to the attention of public representatives.

No amount of expensive advertising will substitute for sending the men out to mend the phones when they break down.”

13<sup>th</sup> May: “**The Coffee House**

A centre of community life in old time Lucan, an historic landmark, the Lucan Coffee House, has been demolished this week by order of Dublin County Council.

*Kitty McGee let go of me knee  
I want a cup of the Co-op tea*

On New Year’s Eve Mr. Frank Murray’s Fife and Drum Band paraded to the Leixlip Chapel and back to be greeted at five to twelve by Stephen Glasson ringing a handbell and announcing a late night dance on the road outside the Coffee House to the strains of the above tune. That was 60 years ago. The Coffee House had housed the beginnings of the Trade Union in Lucan. It was to be the first Vocational School under M. O’Clery.

The Coffee House was built over a hundred years ago by the Hill and Shackleton firms in the hope of challenging the public house as a social centre for Lucan men.”

*Note:* The Coffee House was situated just across the Liffey Bridge, where the new road goes up to Laraghon, and was beyond repair by the time the structure was demolished.

### Lucan Newsletter Outlets in 1984

*As well as the local Churches.....*

Corbetts, Beech Park  
The Candy Store, Esker Lawns  
Lynch’s, Main Street,  
Careys, Main Street  
News Extra, Hillcrest  
The Cottage Stores, Dodsboro

Only Lynch’s (Centra), and The Cottage Stores (Spar) still in business.

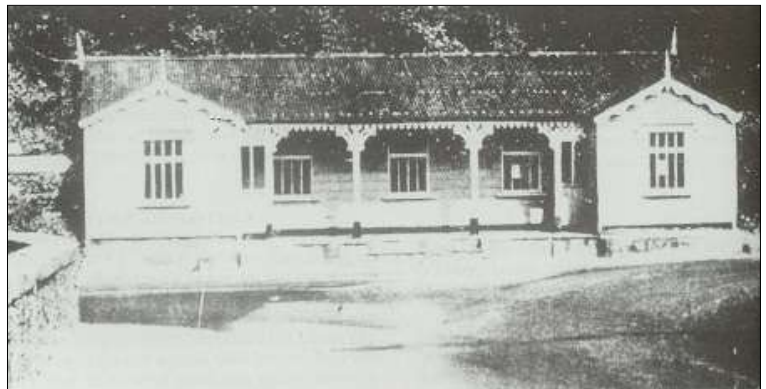
Lucan Newsletter cost 10p back then.

### Lucan 23<sup>rd</sup> Scouts

The Scouts produced the first Lucan and District Directory of essential services, clubs, organisations and businesses in the area.



Towards the end of the year, they launched their Venturers group.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

Lucan Senior Citizens had their first Social Morning on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1984, in St. Andrew's Hall (*Old St. Andrew's School on Watery Lane*).

## Lucan Drama

The group produced **The Risen People** by James Plunkett, at the Spa Hotel during April.

The cast included Niall Cassidy, Bernie Edgeworth, Ewan O'Flynn, Pauric O'Doherty, Marie Cowley, Denis Malone, Kathleen Lynch, Malcolm Mahady, Michael Cowley, Derek Norton, Brian O'Loughlin, Joseph Brady, Colm O'Doherty, Hugh Major, Dave Murray, Mary Ryan, Ann Mahady, John O'Donoghue, Helen Morris and Sheila Corrigan.

*Many since gone to their eternal reward.....*

## 4<sup>th</sup> March: "Unemployment

At present 627 people are out of work in Lucan, 452 men and 135 women and this would represent approximately 16% of the working population of the area. Presently it is not programmed to provide any Job Creation Projects for the immediate Lucan vicinity....."

## GAA

1984 was the centenary of the GAA

The All Ireland Hurling Final was played in Thurles, with **Cork** beating **Offaly** by 3-16 to 1-12.

The Football Final at Croke Park between **Dublin** and **Kerry** saw the Kingdom take Sam with 0-14 to 1-6.

## Lucan Sarsfields

The Club hosted their Centenary Grand Awards night in July.

Inter Hurler: Victor Blake

Jun B Footballer: Niall McKelvey

U21 Footballer: Jack Sheedy

Minor Footballer: Colm Feeley

U16 Footballer: Christopher McCormack

## 15<sup>th</sup> July: "GAA gives the town a night-out

An outrageous old-fashioned whoop-up of a night out was enjoyed by half of Lucan at the Spa on Monday night. All the oldest swingers in town were there and some of the ladies were done up too.

The recipe was the unimaginable Jimmy Magee's (£500,000 for charity in 241 Mondays in 19 years). All Star football game and late night cabaret...."

## Lucan Harriers

While the new athletics track was under construction, the club were very busy with events in all age groups.



Above: An Under 10 Girls Team.

Back L-R: Emma Carroll, Barbara Sullivan, Eimer Ryan.

Front L-R: Marie Stanley, Mandy Doyle, Lisa Ryan.

Somebody said that it  
couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
"Maybe it couldn't" but he  
would be one who wouldn't  
say so 'til he tried.

So he buckled on in, with the  
trace of a grin on his face.  
If he worried, he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing that  
couldn't be done,  
And he did it!



## A New Garda Station

A new Garda Station was under discussion, much to the anger of many locals given the historic nature of the old building and court house.

However, it was decided to demolish the old buildings, and rebuild the facade to look more or less the same as it did.

## 15<sup>th</sup> July: "New Clubhouse for Lucan Golf

Admirers of the lovely Lucan Golf course are delighted to see the new Clubhouse taking shape on the skyline beyond the tuber Lane cross on the Celbridge Road.... The new clubhouse is perfectly situated on one of the best viewpoints on the course, behind the 7<sup>th</sup> tee."

## Lucan Library – July Events



**Wednesday 10th July, 2pm and 3pm**

**Lego Workshop with Brickworx.**

Booking essential via Eventbrite.

Please book only ONE session per child.

2pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-with-brickworx-2pm-tickets-925933541147>

3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lego-workshops-with-brickworx-3pm-tickets-925937031587>

**Thursday 11th July, 12noon**

**Let's Drum! Drumming Workshop** with the

Mobile Music School, for ages 7-11 years

Booking essential.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/drumming-workshop-with-mobile-music-school-for-ages-7-11-yrs-tickets-925927573297>

**Wednesday 17th July and 24th July, 3pm-5pm**

**Pottery Workshops** with Elena Butter (children **MUST** attend both). Suitable for children aged 9+

A fantastic opportunity to use a Pottery Wheel with Elena. In the first workshop, the children will create their piece at the pottery wheel. In the second workshop they will return to paint their pottery piece. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 10th July at 3pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/pottery-workshop-with-elena-for-children-aged-9-12-years-old-tickets-902351195717>

Children **MUST** attend both sessions, please don't book if this is not possible. Please note that this activity is not suitable for anyone with a skin allergy.

**Thursday 18th July, 1pm and 2pm**

**Anyone4Science Roald Dahl Themed Science Workshops: 1pm for ages 6-8**

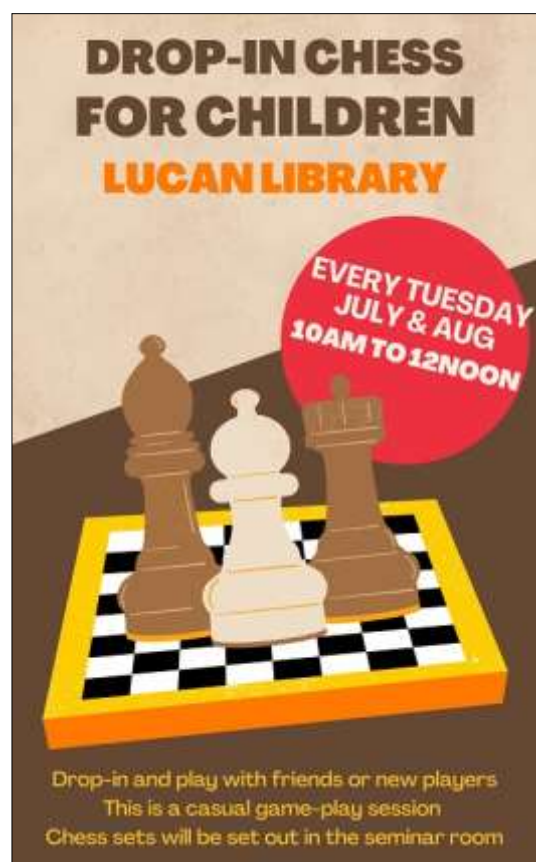
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theme: Learn how Chocolate Playdough is made! Booking essential from 11th July at

1pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/learn-how-to-make-chocolate-play-dough-for-6-8-year-olds-tickets-920966283947>

**2pm for ages 9-12**

**Willy Wonka Theme:** Like a Scientist in Willy Wonka's Factory learn about Chromatography and how to test dyes in sweets. Booking essential from 11th July at 2pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chromatography-learn-how-to-test-dyes-in-sweets-for-9-12-yrs-olds-tickets-920970205677>



**Exhibition:**

**The Olympics:** A History from Monday 15th July

**Community Games Information Session**

**Wednesday 17th July 6pm**

Join Bianca Nistor, Volunteer Support Officer, who will explain how the Community Games work, and how your group can take part. All welcome.



## City Traffic Plan

We welcome the efforts of Minister Higgins to delay the city traffic plans to ensure they get it right. The truth is not fully revealed in these proposals. They intend to take almost one thousand bus trips per day and Taxis from Dame St. and put them on the Quays and on Luas line on Nassau St. for no extra bus passengers, this makes no planning sense.

This would choke up the whole city all for a few flowerpots etc. This is the real problem, using the car as an excuse to get their way. Most car users are already severely restricted from using the city centre. Pushing the problem somewhere else is not the answer, this will further choke other areas of Dublin with car congestion, further add to traffic on overloaded M50 at peak times.

It will also double or treble length of journey times for some essential car users crossing the city. It is essential to put a suitable public transport plan in place for the city centre, the simple Bus Contraflow on the Quays is the only one. If someone has a better one let's hear of it.

*Tom Newton ACRA 086 3127364*

## POLITICAL NOTES

### Gino Kenny TD - People Before Profit

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**Lucan Lodge Nursing Home:** In recent months there has been much speculation about the long-term future of Lucan Lodge Nursing Home. Presently the HSE has taken charge of the running of the nursing home while other alternatives are sought. There continues to be over fifty residents residing in the facility. Unfortunately, the HSE has now stated that Lucan Lodge must decant all residents to another facility by the end of July. This comes as massive disappointment to all those that continue to campaign to keep the Lucan Lodge open. I have raised this issue with the HSE and the Minister to see if a resolution can be found to prevent all residents having to vacate the building. The HSE must do everything possible to find a solution for residents, staff, and family members in the coming weeks.

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

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**First Home Scheme:** Good news for first-time buyers in South Dublin! The price ceiling for the First Home Scheme has been raised, allowing

more people to qualify. This scheme offers an equity stake of up to 30% in the purchase of a new build or a second-hand property being purchased by a tenant from their landlord.

**Lucan Road:** Concerns about cars parking on the footpath on Lucan Road will be discussed at the Traffic Management meeting in July.

**AGP:** I've requested the council's help to remove large ivy stumps on one of the lanes in AGP.

**Willsbrook:** I've asked the council to inspect the footpaths following concerns raised by residents.

### Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Additional Gardaí Welcomed:** I was pleased to hear that from next week, additional Gardaí will be joining the Lucan, Ronanstown and Clondalkin areas. Following last week's attestation in Templemore, Lucan are set to welcome three new Gardaí, Clondalkin five and Ronanstown four. These additional resources will undoubtedly go a long way towards creating safer communities for all local residents.

### Ice Cream Fun Day for Down Syndrome

**Ireland:** I was delighted to attend the Ice Cream Fun Day for Down Syndrome Ireland held at Ballyowen Community Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. It was great to see Fine Gael Cllr. Caroline Brady and local Gardaí also in attendance. Well done to Emma Griffin for her efforts in organising this event for a very worthy cause.

### Joanna Tuffey - Labour Party Lucan Electoral Area

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**Local Tree enthusiasts wanted!** Are you willing to roll up your sleeves and get involved in a mini woodland planting adventure with the South Dublin County Council! The Council is on the lookout for volunteers to join in the soil-prepping fun on the 26th and 27th of July at Griffeen Valley Park. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, involves laying down cardboard over soft vegetation and covering it with a blanket of mulch. The mulch will be supplied by SDCC but volunteers are being asked to source cardboard from local businesses which will then be collected by the Council in advance. Email Eunan O'Donnell at [codonnell@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:codonnell@sdublincoco.ie) if you, or your group, want to be involved in this exciting initiative.

*Political Notes continued after Sport...*



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Lotto:** We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €3,800. The Numbers were **8, 10, 19, 23**

The lucky dip prizes go to Busby (c/o S McCaffrey), Tony Rigney, Aoife Mckearney, Ella Dawson, Ann Power.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €4,200. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

**Planning Permission:** We are delighted to announce that planning permission for our new ball wall and the extension of our juvenile pitch into a full-size all-weather pitch has been submitted to South Dublin County Council. The planning permission details have been posted at the entrance, exit and turn into the clubhouse. Lots of hard work and fundraising over the years has gotten us to this stage in our development plans. A special word of appreciation to Colm Farrell who has worked tirelessly to get these plans submitted. These changes will benefit all our members in our ever-growing club.

### Hurling

This was a very significant weekend for Lucan adult hurling as three teams gained promotion in the league. Pride of place goes to the Intermediate team who were crowned Division 4 champions after a hard-fought win over Crumlin. They will play Division 3 hurling next year - the first time a Lucan second team played at this level in hurling. Our Junior A's are on the up as well gaining promotion to Division 5 for next year, as Division 6 runners up. Their key result was a narrow midweek win over Raheny who held on to top place. Lucan completed their campaign with a walkover at the weekend. Our Junior B's also secured promotion and finished their campaign with a good win away to Craobh Chiarain.

Our seniors completed their league campaign with a 1-point loss away to Ballyboden. This was a very competitive encounter played in very wet conditions and Ballyboden claimed the two points, and second place in the League, with a goal with the last puck of the game. Nevertheless, it was a good league campaign for our seniors,

with several new players blooded, and full flexibility given to the Intermediates to enable them gain promotion.

The progression of our teams up the league Divisions builds on the progress made by hurling in the Club over the last three decades in particular. The winning of the Clubs first Intermediate Hurling championship, to go senior for the first time, back in 1999 was a key foundation on which the subsequent progress was built. Next Saturday night, there will be a special event in the Clubhouse to mark the 25th anniversary of that historic success. There will be a reception for the team and their invited guests from 7pm and all members are welcome to join from 9.30pm.

Pictured below our Intermediate Hurling team and management.



**Summer Camps:** Our summer camps are now open for registration. These camps are open to both members and non-members who are in primary school (either starting in September or just finishing). All camps will be dual sport (Football and Camogie/Hurling). Make sure to register soon for the club camps as places are limited. Places can be booked via the club website by search Lucan Sarsfields summer camps. Please see below for camp dates:

Club Camp: 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Campa Samhraidh: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July

Club Camp: 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August (This camp includes a trip to Croke Park!)

Club Camp: 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August

**County:** Best of luck to Amy Gorman, Laura Sharkey, Aoife Mckearney and Emma Flanagan in their Camogie All Ireland ¼ final this Saturday against Kilkenny in Croke Park. Best of luck to Abby Shiels and the Dublin Ladies footballers in their All Ireland ¼ final this Saturday against Galway in Parnell Park.

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields  
GAA Club**



## Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

### Buachaillí F12

Cluiche láidir iomaíoch ar maidin i bpáirc Bhaile an Phóirtéirigh, i gcoinníollacha fliucha agus sleamhna, idir dhá fhoireann a bhí ag féachaint le críoch a chur leis an gcéad leath den séasúr le bua. Bhí Caisleán Cnucha amuigh go luath le cúpla scór ach d'aimsigh NGÓ F12 iad.

D'fheidhmigh na leaids go han-mhaith, ag marcáil a gcuid fear, agus ag bogadh an tsliotair timpeall na páirce. Chosain Luke Hickey, Ruairi Fee, Jack Murphy agus Dara Canning a gcúl chomh maith le haon imreoir idirchontae, agus ghlan Shayne Lynagh gach sliotar a tháinig an bealach dó.

Ghlac Orin Crowe ceannas ar an gcúl agus bhí dáileadh den scoth aige, ach níos tábhachtaí fós bhí roinnt sábhála aige a choinnigh NGÓ sa chluiche.

Bhí cúpla scór tógtha go maith, le Rhys Reilly ag cruthú fadhbanna do líne chúil Chaisleán Cnucha, le cúnamh ó James Hickey agus Evan Foley, rud a d'fhág na leaids NGÓ taobh thiar 2-3 le 1-1 ag leath ama.

Thosaigh an dara leath le Caisleán Cnucha ag scóráil ón taobh amuigh, ach bhí na leaids tar éis éisteacht le caint láidir foirne ag leath ama ó Paul Reilly, agus thosaigh siad ag ardú a geluiche agus clár na scór.

Rith Aoidhfin Farelly agus Victor Ó Conchuir lár na páirce, le cúnamh ó Ronan de Paor, a d'imir mar ollphéist inniu. D'imir Donnchadh Büttner cluiche a shaoil.

Sa deireadh ní raibh an t-ádh ar NGÓ cailliúint le cúl agus cúilín déanach á scóráil ag Caisleán Cnucha....an toradh deiridh 4-3 in aghaidh 2-5

### Peil na mBan

NGÓ 3-8 Naomh Maur 2-13

Léiriú iontach ag Foireann Peile na mBan aréir. Bhí spiorad foirne agus díogras le feiceáil san imirt.

Thosaigh an cluiche amach go mall le Naomh Maur chun tosaigh le 4 chúilín, ach ansin le cúilín ó Chaoimhe Ní Mhaolaí agus cúl ó Éadaoin Ó Snodaigh - bhí an troid tosaithe. Bhí cosaint dochreidte le feiceáil le hÉataín Haicéid ag teacht amach leis an liathróid arís is arís eile. Bhí scóráil iontach ó Orlaith Doherty agus Anna Cullen sular séideadh an fheadóg. Ag leath-am, an scór a bhí ann ná NGÓ 1-4 Naomh Maur 1-5.

Ó thús an dara leath bhí an chosaint ag obair go dian arís, le taispeántais iontacha ag Muireann

Carton agus Arlene Conway, bhí an liathróid ag teacht amach go hOrlaith Doherty a rinne neart reatha suas síos an pháirc. Bhí na tosaithe ar thine sa dara leath le cúl agus cúilín ó Anna Cullen agus cúilín ó Jenny Curtin. Díreach cúl a bhí idir na foirne anois. Ansin le cúl gleoite ó Éadaoin Ó Snodaigh ó chic saor bhí chomhscór ann le 5 nóiméad fágtha.

Bhí ar an gcosaint an-iarracht a dhéanamh chun na scóranna inár gcoinne a sheachaint. Faraor ní raibh an t-ádh linn, agus muid ag imirt gan aon mhná ionad, ach beidh lá eile ag an bpaorach!!!



### Foireann Baile Átha Cliath

Comhghairdeachas mór le Anna agus Éabha ón bhfoireann F15 Na Gaeil Óga, a bhí ag imirt leis an bhfoireann Baile Átha Cliath inniu thíos i nGaillimh.



### Cailíní F13 agus F15

Bhí seisiún traenála iontach againn tráthnóna inné le traenálaí an-speisialta... @abbyshiels\_, cúl báire d'fhoireann na mBan Átha Cliath. Bhí sé go hiontach éisteacht le Abby agus í ag roinnt a saibhreas eolais agus saineolais leis na cailíní faoi 13 agus faoi 15. Bhain na cailíní taitneamh as roinnt píotsa freisin chun deireadh séasúir iontach a cheiliúradh!



# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

### Irish Runner 5 mile June 23rd

We had 7 members who took part in the Irish 5 Mile National Championships in the Phoenix Park on June 23rd. Eileen O'Brien, Anne Whelan and Rosemary Gaine finished 3rd in their respective categories. Breda Smyth finished 4th in the F50 category with a new PB.



*Breda Smyth and Anne Whelan*



*Rosemary Gaine*

Well done to all who ran and to our Lucan Harriers who were volunteering at the finish line.

## POLITICAL NOTES *Continued*

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**Resurfacing at Foxborough:** Before the local election, I campaigned for, and secured, funding to resurface the stretch of road between the R136 junction at Foxborough and Foxborough Road. This work commenced this week and will be welcomed by all users of the road. Thanks to local residents who worked with me on getting this over the line.

**Lucan House:** The Council formally took ownership of Lucan House last week and now preparations will begin for development of the masterplan for the use of the house and grounds. Proactive preparation for this is important and I am happy to work with local groups to advise and assist them in advance of the Council's public consultation. Please contact me if I can help.

**Esker Cemetery:** I have requested installation of an additional water tap in Esker Cemetery, for the convenience of visitors to the graveyard.

### Liona O'Toole - Independent

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### Griffen Valley park mini woodland-call out for volunteer groups:

South Dublin County Council are undertaking a mini woodland planting project on two sites close to each other in Griffen Valley Park.

Volunteers are required for the soil preparation on **Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July**. This involves placing cardboard over soft vegetation and covering this cardboard with a thick layer of mulch.

The vegetation will have already been taken down to ground level by council staff. Volunteers are also asked to source cardboard from local businesses. This cardboard can be collected by SDCC staff. The mulch will also be supplied by SDCC.

If you know of any interested groups, can you please ask them to contact me by email?

Link to site location:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/XnB7CmZdZhSux3p3A>

You can contact me or Eunan @ [eodonnell@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:eodonnell@sdblincoco.ie) for

further details and to express an interest.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree is on its “summer” holidays until early September and we hope to mount our 12<sup>th</sup> photographic exhibition in the Parish Centre around the middle of November. (Gosh how time flies!)

Despite being on holidays, the photos keep coming in. This week we stay in France as Donal has submitted some photos taken in Nîmes and of the Pont du Gard in the Occitanie region of Southern France.

Nîmes has been dubbed the most Roman city outside Italy as it has a rich history dating back to the Roman Empire. The Arena of Nîmes was built around 100 AD, shortly after the Colosseum in Rome (72AD – 80AD) and is one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world. In its day it could hold 24,000 spectators and was one of the biggest arenas in the Roman Empire. Today it is used for sporting events and concerts at regular intervals.



The Pont du Gard is an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge with three tiers of arches that was built in the first century AD to carry almost 37 million litres of water a day over 50 km to the fountains, baths and homes of the citizens of Nîmes. It is over 48 meters high! It is one of the best-preserved Roman aqueduct bridges and was added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites in 1985 because of its “exceptional preservation, historical importance, and architectural ingenuity”.



Conor seems to be off somewhere abroad by boat as he has submitted photos of Dublin Port from the seaward side.

*Stay safe until next week!*