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St Patrick: A Saint for our Time



We welcome St Patrick's Day this weekend as an opportunity to celebrate the gift of faith and knowledge of God which St Patrick brought to our shores. St Patrick has become more of a cultural mythological figure in recent times and is celebrated in a secular manner rather than religious. We know that St Patrick lived in Ireland and we know of his vision and mission from the evidence of his own account in the Confessions of St Patrick and also from the Annals of Ulster as written by Muirchú in the 7th century. Patrick was a slave in Ireland, he escaped and on return to his family he chose to become a priest and consequently became bishop for the purpose of bringing Christianity to Ireland.

St Patrick came to a country where people engaged in pagan ritual and celebrations. It became his mission as, bishop of Ireland (Confessions E.1) to share the Gospel and to baptise all who chose to accept the message of Jesus. St Patrick didn't set about overturning paganism, but brought a new layer of meaning to the lived experience of the people. He brought the invitation to follow Jesus to Ireland.

St Patrick connected with the images of light which also were revered in paganism. Croagh Patrick was a place of worship for the people of the time as it was considered the highest point and most westerly point from which the setting sun could be seen for longest. The people of the time believed that they could spend most time with the sun god on this mountain near Westport.

The life-giving force of the energy and light of the sun has always been recognised and respected as is further evidenced in Newgrange in the winter equinox. St Patrick integrated the desert experience of Jesus and the pilgrimage on the mountain in prayer to the Gospel proclaimed Light of Christ – the Christ who lights our path towards truth and hope. The Croagh Patrick pilgrimage is a call to repentance – to change our lives to become more life-giving.

The image of light is further engaged on the Hill of Tara. The view from the top of the Hill of Tara is magnificent with a vista which stretches for miles in all directions. It may have been the seat of the High Kings of Ireland while also being an ancient place of burial and worship. St Patrick preached on the Hill of Tara and built the Easter Fire to proclaim God's presence at the physical and historical point of influence. St Patrick worshiped the kingship of God and the power of God's everlasting and dependable reign in lighting a fire which could be seen from far and wide.

St Patrick was consistent in bringing light into the lives of those whom he encountered and a rootedness in meaning found and proclaimed in the Gospels. The challenge which the life of St Patrick presents for us currently is that we seek to live in truth and goodness with meaning found in what lasts. St Patrick challenges us to consider what our fundamental option in life is and to connect with a rootedness which holds us firm through every experience of life. For those who choose Christianity: Gospel values, relationship with God and Christian community are our anchors and source of abiding light.

Reflection: What light guides your life today? Where is your anchor?

Cathy Burke, Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge

An bhfuil suim agat sa Ghaeilge?

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl ó 1-17 Márta 2024. Tá súil againn go mbeidh an t-am agaibh taitneamh a bhaint as roinnt de na himeachtaí ?

<https://snag.ie/>



Thursday 21 March 2024 is United Nations international day for the **Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2024**

World Water Day, held on 22 March every year since 1993, is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater.

State Pension Contributory – Adult dependents

If you qualify for a State Pension Contributory, you may get an increase in your payment for an adult dependant (called an increase for qualified adult or IQA). An adult dependant is your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant.

Your income is not taken into account in the assessment for an IQA.

The Department of Social Protection takes any income your adult dependant has from employment, self-employment, savings,

investments and capital (for example, any property except your own home) into account. If you have joint savings or investments with your adult dependant, only half is taken into account.

If you are getting a State Pension (Contributory), the IQA is automatically paid directly to your adult dependant. Full details on our website.

Child Dependents

You can also get an increase in your payment for child dependants (known as an Increase for a Qualified Child or IQC).

However, you cannot get an IQC with your State Pension (Contributory) if your partner has an income of over €400 a week. You get a half-rate IQC if partner earns between €310 and €400 a week. This only applies to claims made after 6 July 2012.

Other benefits

You are automatically paid an extra allowance of €10 per week when you turn 80. This increase is not paid to adult dependants.

If you live alone, you may be entitled to the Living Alone Increase.

You may also be eligible for other benefits.

Information on the following is available on our website.

Medical cards

The Household Benefits Package

Fuel Allowance

Telephone Support Allowance

Benefits and Taxes Guide for 2024

Do you want to know the rate for a social welfare payment, how much tax you will have to pay or if you are eligible Medical card and GP visit card for free GP visits?

The Benefits and Taxes wallchart includes up to date rates for:

Jobseeker's Benefit

Illness Benefit

Working Family Payment

Universal Social Charge

Check out the Benefits and Taxes wallchart (pdf) and booklet (pdf).

Follow our #BenefitsAndTaxes2024 campaign on X (Twitter) and Facebook.

Bereavement - a practical guide (2023)

A guide to some of the practical concerns you may have when someone close to you dies. It answers questions you may have on accessing money, getting help with funeral expenses, dealing with your loved one's estate, and other practical issues you may be worried about.

Lucan Senior Citizens



Some of our members celebrating Saint Patrick, this week. We finished off with a rousing rendition of Hail Glorious St. Patrick....



Wednesday 20th March: Easter Party and Easter Bonnet competition in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 - 12.30.

Lucan Lions Club

Lucan St Patricks Day Parade:

Keep an eye out for us in the Parade in Lucan on Sunday. We will be walking with our ever supportive Partners SuperValu and will be No 6 on the Parade Programme. Many thanks to the Parade Committee for all their outstanding work in organising this important community event.



Easter at SuperValu: As usual we will have our Easter Raffle, kindly sponsored by SuperValu, in the store over the Easter weekend. We look forward to your support over this period. More details in the coming weeks.

Happy St Patrick's Day to SuperValu and all our supporters.

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 21st March at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.



**Thursday 21st March 2024, 7:45pm
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, March 21st, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, check out Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Happy Birthday Johnny
on 22nd March.

Hope you have a great day!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Friday 10am and
7.30pm. Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Confirmation

Best wishes to the pupils from
Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig who will make
their Confirmation Friday 15th March and
to the pupils of **Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada** who will
make theirs on Thursday 21st March

Please remember them in your prayers



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

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

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday
morning in St. Mary's Parish Church after the
10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral),
the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This
devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord, is
necessary to defeat evil, for peace in the world
and for our journey to eternal life.

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

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

Visits to the housebound: If you are housebound
you can call Deirdre at the parish office
(01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a
monthly basis.



Baptisms in St. Mary's

From March of this year there is a new 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

Scriptural Reading (Lectio Divina): John 14:6:

*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one
cometh unto the Father except through me.*

With more than 100,000 self-help books in print
there is obviously no lack of interest in how to
improve ourselves in all sorts of ways;
unfortunately, in very many cases, most readers
never get past the first chapter, or if so, fail to
take the action advised. In contrast, the approach
of Lectio Divina is to read and re-read the Gospel,
one passage at a time, meditate on it, and through
the intercession of the Holy Spirit, pray for a
meaningful change in our lives. Such is our hope.
Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening at
7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on
the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.
John McCrory



Deepest Sympathy to the wife,
family and friends of **Gerry D'Arcy**,
Beech Park, to the husband, parents,
family and friends of **Melissa
Cleary**, Woodview Heights and to
the family and friends of **Elizabeth (Betty)
Vassallo**, Ryeval Nursing Home.
May they rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday/ Sunday 23rd/24th March.

Many thanks for your generosity.

DAFFODIL DAY



Don't Forget Daffodil Day on
Friday March 22nd
In aid of the Irish Cancer
Society.

Watch out for the collectors
around Lucan.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net



Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Feast of St Joseph

Tuesday 19th March

Mass at 7.30pm to celebrate



Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

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

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions. **7.30pm:** Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

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

7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration. **Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle. **Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am. The Church is open Monday to Friday from **10am to 1pm** for private prayers.

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

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

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

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

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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS**
Sunday 17th March

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Tea/Coffee: Every Wednesday Morning 10.30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome.*

LET'S GET LUCAN VILLAGE READY FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MEETING POINT: VILLAGE GREEN

WHEN: SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

TIME: 10 AM

GLOVES AND PICKERS SUPPLIED.

LUCAN TIDY TOWNS

Anniversaries

LADDIE BIRNIE

17th Anniversary - 19th March

Remembering Laddie and May on Laddie's seventeenth anniversary.

From all your family

JACK COLLINS

17th Anniversary - 15th March

Late Sarsfield Park.

Memories are forever Dad

To treasure all life through

Ours are very special

Because they are of you.

Loved and remembered by your daughters

Carol Anne, Elizabeth, grandchildren and

great-grandchildren

JOE FENNEL

4th Anniversary - 20th March

"Next thing he spoke

And I nearly said I loved him."

As ever, Seamus Heaney puts something so

familiar so perfectly. Those words - and

sentiments - have often come to me over these

past four years (and more) and never so keenly as around my father's anniversary.

Remembering today and everyday my Dad's

support and generosity, his interests and humour, and above all his love.

Michael



Birthday Remembrance

JONATHON HEFFERNAN

1970-1986

54th Birthday - 12th March

Loved and thought of every day.

Mam and Chris



ICA NOTES

Monday 18th March:

As this is a Bank Holiday, we will not have our Craft Group.

We will be back to normal on Monday 25th March.



Tea Hostesses will be:

Abigail O'Callaghan

Mary Duffy

We had a lovely morning teaching crochet to Transition Year Students from St. Joseph's Secondary School on Friday 8th March in the Canon Despard Centre. This is a great venue for teaching and learning as it is a bright and airy space.

It was a pleasure to meet and teach these young ladies. They all enjoyed the class and picked up the stitch very quickly. They will crochet a blanket.

We held our collection for the Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day on Monday. Thank you to all members who subscribed generously to this good cause.

We wish all our members a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Enjoy the festivities and support the local Lucan Parade.

Mary C

St. Francis Hospice

**Walk Your Own 5K
Spring Memorial Walk**
Supported by Eileen Dunne

**Any time, any place in the months
March/April!**

Raise funds for Hospice

Registration Fee €25

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

Thank you!

Nagarhope Table Quiz

Last Friday night, there was a great turnout in Lucan Sarsfields' GAA Clubhouse for the Table Quiz in aid of Nagarhope, Fachtna Doc Clandillon's charity, educating children in Nepal. The night was a great success both financially and socially. Total raised, including donations from people who couldn't attend, was €2220, which will go a long way in Nepal.

The night started on a sombre note, with a minute's silence to honour a loyal Nagarhope supporter and a stalwart Sarsfields' member, Seaghan Ó Lanagáin. Seaghan was involved in the Cúpla Focal Club for many years, with all proceeds going to Nagarhope. Our heartfelt sympathies to Mary, Eoin, Gráinne and Sinéad. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Nagarhope's own school, Nagarhope Basic School, in the valley of Sathikurya has run successfully for the past ten years, as Fachtna outlined in his few words. It wouldn't have been built without the financial support from Ireland, and particularly from Lucan. The kids attending NBS may never have got an education otherwise. Thank you all.

On behalf of Doc and Nagarhope, so many people must be thanked sincerely for the success of our Quiz night--- Lucan Newsletter staff for advertising the event for many weeks and for their continued coverage for Nagarhope; Lucan Sarsfields for the use of the hall and their support over many years; Maeve and Ronan who set up the hall that day; John and the bar staff on the night; Séamus, our Quiz Master; Fachtna for his "Nepal" round; Aoife for marking the answers; all our committee members and helpers who collected answer sheets and sold raffle tickets; those who took part in the Quiz and created a great atmosphere; those who could not attend but dropped in donations; to Ulick and the Spa Hotel, and to the Louis Fitzgerald group for the Quiz prizes; to the following for raffle prizes: Susan and Rory Mullan, Courtneys, Michael O'Grady, Bernie Stapleton, Kathleen Roche, Shane Moynihan, Mattie McCabe, Cormac Gordon, Liam Hayes.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.
We wish you all a peaceful Easter.*

Niamh Clandillon



Esker Active Retirement Association

We had Chaerobics at club this week to keep us all fit as we exercise and sing along to lively music, in addition to usual scrabble etc.

There won't be any club meetings for the next 2 weeks. On Wednesday 20th most of us will be enjoying a 4 day break in Buncrana, and the following week is Holy week. So our next club meeting is Wednesday 3rd April if you want to come along and join in.

In the meantime happy St Patrick's Day to everyone.

La fhéile Pádraig shona daoibh go léir.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our Readers at home and abroad!
We hope all have a very enjoyable festive weekend.

God bless the hands! If you do one thing this week, make it a visit to Lucan Library to see Clondalkin Round Tower in Crochet Lace – a beautiful creation!

Another work of art is featured in St. Patrick's Church, where a stained glass window has been installed, in memory of Fr. Denis Carroll.



"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."
Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

Please Note!

Due to pressure of space, some items have been held over for next week's issue.

Come on Ireland!

All eyes will be on the Boys in Green this weekend as they will hopefully clinch the 6 Nations title.



Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday 17th March 2024

Parade Marshal Abby Shiels

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This year we are very pleased to welcome Dublin Senior and Lucan Sarsfield's GAA goal keeper Abby Shiels as our 2024 Parade Marshall. Abby is the winner of the 2023 ZuCar Golden Glove award. She is also the top goalie in the country having brought home to Lucan the All Star Award for her goalkeeper position in 2023 which is the highest standard in Ladies Senior Football. She is the first Lucan lady to bring this prestigious award home to Lucan. Abby's accomplishments are an amazing achievement and an example for all young people in Lucan who aspire to participate in sport at a high standard. Abby is transported on the day of the parade in the vintage Barberstown Castle car.



Parade Start Time and Route

The parade will assemble and commence at the large green located at Green Park Road / Westbrook Park / Hillcrest Close in Hillcrest (adjacent to Tesco) from 2pm, be in place by 2:30pm. The Parade commences at 3pm sharp and proceeds down Dodsboro Road, under the N4 bridge onto the Leixlip Road, past McDonalds, onwards towards The Bally Alley pub, and into Lucan Village, turning left at Courtneys, past the review stand located outside the Muintir na Tire hall, and disperses up through the village past the Italian Embassy. The parade takes two hours approximately to complete the route.

Road Closures

Road closures from 2pm to 6pm
Dodsboro Road / Tandys Lane
Old Celbridge Road

Lucan Road from the Village to St Marys Church
Adamstown Road from Courtneys to N4
No through road through the village
Chapel Hill Open for north bound traffic crossing the Liffey Bridge



Volunteer Stewards

We need your help to steward the parade on St. Patrick's Day, please contact Caroline 085 2551602 if you would like to volunteer.

Running Order

- 1 Flag Bearers Lucan Scouts
- 2 23rd Lucan scouts, 180th Lucan scouts, 142nd Esker Lucan South Scouts
- 3 Little Blue Heroes
- 4 Barberstown Castle and Grand Marshal (Abby Shiels)
- 5 St. Patrick (Ronan Smith)
- 6 SuperValu Lucan
- 7 Cara Cheshire Home
- 8 Lucan Lady Birds
- 9 Andri Kryzhanivskiy
- 10 Lucan Chinese Community
- 11 Club Pro Garda Westmanstown Gaels GAA Club
- 12 Arthur Griffith Park FC
- 13 Serena Brady Academy of Dance
- 14 Lucan Boxing Club
- 15 Lee Byrne Academy
- 16 V Styles Lucan
- 17 Na Gaeil Óga CLG
- 18 Lucan Gospel Choir
- 19 5 Star Attics
- 20 Vikings Dublinia Ostman
- 21 Goldwing Owners Club
- 22 Lezim Girls
- 23 Dew Drop Indian Drum Band
- 24 Lucan United Football Club
- 25 Lucan Sarsfields GAA
- 26 RTH Property Management
- 27 Finglas Concert Marching Band
- 28 Ahmadiyya Muslim Association of Ireland
- 29 Roof n Stop
- 30 Jimmy Stagg & Lucan Cycle Club
- 31 Beech Park FC
- 32 Adamstown Cricket Club
- 33 Star Dance Academy
- 34 Lucan BMX Club
- 35 Lucan Harriers
- 36 Maharashtra Mandal Ireland – Dhol Pathak
- 37 Hayley Flynn Academy
- 38 EFAST
- 39 Lucan Red Cross



Lucan Concert Band performing at Spar Dodsboro from 2pm to 3pm.

St. James Brass & Reed performing at the AIB gate from 2pm

Free Face Painters, Clowns, Balloon Artists at Bank of Ireland in village from 2pm



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Minor camogie: The minor camogie team had two games in the last week. They played St. Mary's, Naas last week Tuesday 5th, and were unfortunately beaten. They were in action again on Tuesday 12th, and bounced back with a great win against Mountsackville in their last group game. This win now qualifies them from their group to the Shield semi-final.

Junior Cycle English: Last Wednesday, all third year students were brought to The Mill Theatre, Dundrum by their English teachers. They saw a live production of their studied Junior Cycle play 'The Merchant of Venice'. It was great for the students to see their studied play brought to life on stage.

Mental health week: Last week was Mental Health Week in St. Joseph's. Throughout the week the student and their teachers engaged in activities based around five key pillars for good mental health – Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. Well done to the guidance department in the school for organising the activities on each of the various days.



History trip: Last Friday, fifth and sixth year history students travelled to Derry for the day with their history teachers. The students learned about the history of the city and visited the Museum of Free Derry, the Siege Museum and took in a walking tour of the murals and walls of Derry.

History quiz: Last Tuesday evening, 5th, we had eight third year students travel to Colaiste Iosagain to compete in a History quiz hosted by the Irish History Teachers Association. The girls competed against 43 teams and finished in the top 10 and represented the school brilliantly.

Transition year activities: On Friday morning the organisers of the Lucan, St. Patrick's Day

parade were in the school. They were working with transition year students teaching them the skill of balloon making and also face painting.

Cross country: Well done to our magnificent junior cross country team who competed in the All Irelands on Saturday morning. The team performed fantastic in very difficult and tough conditions for cross country. They finished in 5th place overall which is a phenomenal achievement considering all the schools from the four provinces who started out in the competition last September.



Junior hockey: Well done to the Junior hockey team who played against Ardgillan Community College on Monday morning. St. Joseph's played brilliantly and won the game on a scoreline of 6 – 0.

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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

LEIXLIP ARCH CLUB PRESENTS

QUIZ NIGHT

€10 PER PERSON

AND RAFFLE

IN ST MARY'S (LEIXLIP) GAA CLUB

DOOR OPEN AT 8:00PM

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

All money raised will go towards Leixlip Arch Club continuing to provide opportunities and activities for their 100+ members

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Awards: Well done to 5th yr **Sam Jacob** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for February in recognition of his excellent manners, strong work-ethic and co-operation in all of his classes.

Congratulations to TY student **Niall Ryan Doyle** who won the *Sports Star of the Month Award* for February in recognition of his fantastic displays in goal for the schools' TY, u17 and Senior soccer teams. Niall saved an incredible 6 penalties in just 3 games recently to help the various teams advance in their respective competitions.

Comhghairdeas freisin le Caolin Reilly ón gcéad bhiaín a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Feabhra mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners who each received a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

Athletics: Well done to 2nd yr Conor Abbott who represented the school at the All Ireland Schools Cross Country Finals held in Tymon Park, Tallaght on Saturday 9th March. Conor completed the tough 3.5km course in an impressive time 12mins 55 secs to finish in 17th place out of a field of 109 elite athletes from 2nd and 3rd yr. Despite being one of the youngest competitors (having just turned 14 in February), Conor pushed himself to his limit and once again demonstrated unwavering determination and racing maturity throughout the high-class race. Conor has been representing the school with enormous distinction in cross-country over the past two years and we are very proud of him.

PE: Our Senior PE students recorded their Performance Assessments in Airlie Park, Adamstown last week. They were delighted to get the opportunity to use this fantastic new multi-sport facility with its full sized 3G GAA pitch and 2 full-sized 3G soccer pitches. The students already completed their PAP (Physical Activity Project, which is one of three assessment components of the Leaving Cert PE course and worth 20% of the overall marks) in December. The Performance assessment is worth a further 30% of the overall marks. They will then sit the written exam in the summer (which is worth the remaining 50% of marks).

The school employed a professional cameraman to record full-scale 11-a-side matches in soccer and Gaelic Football in Airlie Park. The students

who had chosen soccer/GAA skills had to demonstrate various pre-selected skills such as shooting on the half-volley, defensive and offensive headers, free-kicks, corners etc in soccer and hand/hooks passes, block-downs, high-catches, free-taking, tackles etc in GAA. The matches were played at a proper intensity in order to replicate match-playing conditions as much as possible. Basically, the students had to demonstrate their talent in their chosen sport. They each received copies of the taped matches and their job now is to edit themselves demonstrating the chosen key-skills.

Other students did their recordings in the gym doing various weight-bearing exercises. Some chose to do theirs on the athletics track for sprinting and running. Everyone was free to choose their own sporting, physical or fitness activity with the aim of demonstrating their talent. The completed video must be submitted by Thursday 21st March so they will all be busy in the days ahead putting the finishing touches to their work.



Well-being: Transition Year students completed the final round of surveys this week as part of the *Be Real Body Kind* curriculum. The *Body Kind* programme, as delivered by Ms. Farrell & Ms. Moore is a body image curriculum specifically designed for Irish secondary school students. The programme focuses on social media and gives students tested tools to help them with comparisons they make of themselves to the images they see in their social media feed. *Body Kind* also discusses appearance bias and the role society's prejudices play in students' feeling that they do not fit into society's ideals for appearance. Ms. Farrell would like to thank Edmund, Rice and Ignatius for their enthusiasm and participation in the programme and subsequent surveys!

Blessed

I'm blessed that I can walk and stand,
Open my eyes and use my hands,
Smell the roses, see the trees,
Drive to the coast to inhale the sea,
Grab a coffee, go for lunch,
Maybe meet a friend for brunch,
Get my shopping for myself,
Even from the highest shelf.

Blessed to have a comfy bed
And a roof above my head,
A television and radio
That always have my choice of show
And music to keep me upbeat
While I read or cook or eat,
Clothes to keep me dry and warm,
Boots to weather any storm.

Blessed to have a family
Who often keep me company
And include me when they're having fun
Or organising the school run.
While checking homework or making dinner
I remind myself that I'm a winner
Having grandchildren who are the best
For this, and more, I'm truly blessed.

*Rita O'Brien
Lucan Writers Group*



Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

We are looking forward to a four day Whist Break in the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon starting on the 24th March.

Dangerous Junction

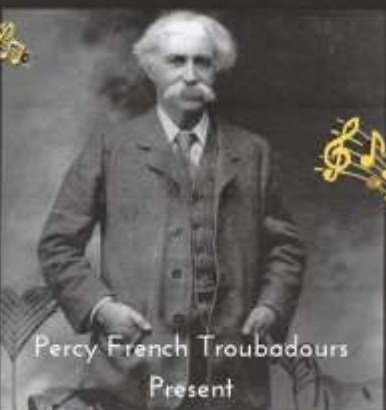
I believe the "Y" junction at exit 4A on the N4, at Lucan, is a hazard. At The "way out" lane leading from Old Cornmill Road to the inside lane before the Lucan Spa Hotel the curvature of the island is too severe. This makes it very difficult, if not impossible, for drivers, coming off Old Cornmill Road, to get a clear view to their right. A reduction of the island width would enable drivers to approach the junction at an, almost, right-angle affording a clear view to their right,

There have been numerous collisions at this junction, most of them minor, as a result of the present layout. I was rear-ended there myself and the most recent collision there, that I'm aware of, was last Friday. I have submitted this information to the relevant authorities years ago, but to no avail. I have asked the Gardaí for accident figures for this junction but I was told that they didn't "have the man-power" to collate such figures.

Mattie Lennon



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Latest detailed Lucan video updates now

published: I had to split my latest report into two as I ended up with over 30 different items and could have filmed more. There's also text and links below the video. To find on www.paulgogarty.com search 'Lucan part 1' and 'Lucan part 2'.

Swimming Pool: SDCC have released two photographs of the pool under construction. You can see them on my latest update on website. Search under 'pool march'.

Bus User Survey: We need to get beyond the approx. 1,200 responses to date. Have your say with the NTA via www.bit.ly/BusCorrect. Can do over phone if anyone prefers, just text me.

Happy St Patrick's Day and weekend: Ar seachtain na Gaeilge ba mhaith liom Lá Fhéile Pádraig (agus deireadh seachtaine) an-sásta a ghuí ar gach duine as Leamhcán!

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner.

Tel: 0858317982.

vcasserly@cllr.sdblincoco.ie

Lucan Coffee Morning with Cllr Vicki Casserly and Senator Regina Doherty.

When: Friday 22nd March, Where: Kenny's Lucan, Time 11.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Local Property Tax Exemptions: Did you know, as per [revenue.ie](http://www.revenue.ie): Properties purchased, adapted or built for use by incapacitated person may be exempt from Local Property Tax (LPT). More information can be found on <https://www.revenue.ie/en/property/local-property-tax/lpt-exemptions/incapacitated-persons.aspx>

Online Public Meeting: Tuesday 19th March at 7pm, **Cyber Security** and your family. To join, please get in touch.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 401 3416.

Emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie

St Patrick's Day Festival: Best wishes to all involved in this year's St Patrick's Day parade, to the organisers for all their long hours planning the event, the participants for entertaining the crowd and to all the residents of Lucan who come out in droves to support this fantastic community event. Thanks to SDCC for funding and help and to An Garda Síochana for their support. Ádh mór

Lucan Community College: I raised the delays with the extension to Lucan Community College with the Tánaiste in the Dáil chamber this week. I will keep the pressure on to ensure that the project moves forward to construction.

Careers Evening: It was my pleasure to address the senior cycle students at St. Joseph's college careers night this week. It was really encouraging to meet so many young women interested in a career in politics.



Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

- 085 2551602 info@CarolineBrady.com

Cyber Security & your Family: Join us and our Expert Speakers on Tuesday March 19th at 7pm online, for insights, questions and answers during an hour-long public briefing from experts as to what steps you can take to protect your family. <https://tinyurl.com/4n7w95ns>

Community Recycle: Emer Higgins TD and I organised a community recycle event this week and are pleased to report it was very successful. WEE Ireland reported in 2022 that Ireland recycled just over 10kg per person. Events like this one really help our community meet recycling targets. Thank you to Recycle IT and Tesco for facilitating the event, and thank you to the residents of Lucan, we certainly did our bit this week towards meeting recycle targets. If you would like a recycle event for your area, please contact me or Emer and we will be pleased to assist.

Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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Lucan Swimming Pool Costs: Hopefully, Lucan Swimming Pool will be open relatively soon. Making it accessible as affordable is extremely important. However, in a question to SDCC by People Before Profit figures were released showing that prices at the new pool will be higher than those at the public pools in Clondalkin and Tallaght. For example, an annual membership for a single adult will cost you €550 at the public facility but only €495 in a nearby private facility. Given that large amounts of public monies have been invested in this public facility its difficult understand these costs.

Joint Committee on Assisted Dying: The JCAD will publish its final report next week on its main recommendations. After nine months and over 25 public meeting it will publish its findings on how we progress on this very important issue. I will post an update next week on the report.

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

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Community grants: Congratulations to all local groups who were approved for grant funding at this week's Council meeting, including Liffey Sound FM (major equipment grant of €5000) and the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee (grant of €8,000). If your group would like help with an application, please let me know.

Ballyowen Shopping Centre: Pleased to see that the concerns I raised about the condition of the Ballyowen Shopping Centre car park have been reflected in the Council's response to the recent planning application. The Council asked for more information, specifically on how the car park will be improved, before it decides whether to grant permission.

Bus shelter at Foxborough: Delighted to have secured installation of a bus shelter at Foxborough on Balgaddy Road!

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling

Lucan adult hurling ended up with just four of the planned six matches being played at the weekend. First up, our seniors got a win away against St Brigid's. At the same time, the Inters put in a good performance at home to deal comfortably with Faughs' challenge. Next on to Pitch 1 was our Junior A team who had too much for Ballinteer. In the afternoon our Junior B team, with AGP being declared unplayable by the referee, moved their Erin Go Bragh fixture to the 12th Lock. This was a very one-sided affair with Lucan taking the spoils again. Our Junior C North team got a late walkover against St Joseph's O'Connell Boys who were unable to field. The Junior C South team didn't have a fixture as hosts St Kevin Killian's didn't have a pitch. There is now a break in adult hurling competitive fixtures due to Paddy's Day and Easter with the next round of the league scheduled for April 6th/7th.

Juvenile. Our 2008 girls were in action over the weekend over the weekend in a hard-fought battle against Cuala. Pictured below.



Academy. Our Academy is on every Saturday morning from 9-11am and provides a great opportunity to get involved in Gaelic, Hurling and Camogie. It is open to children born in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Training times are age dependent, please contact our club Games Promotion Officer, Alan O'Neill – 0871213587.



Easter Camp

Our Easter camp will take place from the 25th – 28th of March from 10am – 2pm daily. All children, both members and non-members, are welcome. Registration is open and spaces are limited so make sure to sign up via ClubZap or the link below.

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>



County

Well done to Réka Kiss Kalo and Cara Coffey who represented Dublin in the first round of the U16 Championship against Westmeath. A huge congratulations to Réka who has been named as team captain for the year.



Social

Our **Annual Golf Classic** will take place on the 21st of June 2024 in Lucan Golf Club. The cost of a four-person team is €450. This event books up quickly and we had an unprecedented demand for tee times last year so make sure to register early. Invitations are also open for sponsorship opportunities for both companies and personal support. Please contact any member of our committee for registration, sponsorship enquiries and any other information. Maggie Mulqueen 087 2866581, Sara Hickey 086 8187070, Ruth Langton 086 8231139.

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

White Collar Boxing

Due to unprecedented demand, we are once again taking over the big top on the 4th of May 2024 for another White-Collar Boxing Showdown. For this event to be a success we need our members to get involved. If you are interested in stepping into the ring and joining our lineup, please contact Michaela Caseley – 086 850 8553. We are also looking for sponsorship for this event. If you have a business, work for a business or know someone who does, that might like to sponsor or advertise at our event, please contact lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,000. The Numbers were **9,14,18,19**.

The lucky dip prizes go to Teresa & Pat Quinn, J Stagg, Ann Finnerty, Greg O'Neill and Alan McCarthy.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,400. The draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.



Naas 10 Mile
Colin O'Gara and Michael Comer did the Naas 10-Mile on Sunday 3rd March at 1.12.17. Colin was first home in his age category. Michael ran his first 10 miler in 1.10.

National Duathlon Series
Will Byrne is back in the 2024 National Duathlon Series (Run/Bike/ Run disciplines) finishing 17th in Naas on 25th February and 16th in Athy on March 3rd. As he is placing on the podium in his category each time, he currently is in 3rd position in the 050s after 4 events.



LUCAN SENIOR CHESS

Thank you to Danny and the staff of Kenny's for hosting our mini friendly chess tournament on Saturday 2nd March and to the teacher Vitali of EQ Chess School for facilitating the tournament and guiding the games. Thanks again to Lucan Lions and Lucan Credit Union for sponsorship that helped keep fees at an affordable level for our chess classes at the Parish Centre over the last few weeks, and thank you to Deirdre in the Parish Centre. Also, thanks to Sam B for donating a gift voucher as a prize for our tournament. Congratulations to Caroline O'Brien who won our tournament. Looking forward to keeping in touch with my fellow chess students about opportunities to put our newly acquired chess strategies and tactics into practice.



Lusk 4 Mile

Meanwhile in Lusk Eoin Harford ran 24.50 in the Lusk 4 mile.



Looking forward to keeping in touch with my fellow chess students about opportunities to put our newly acquired chess strategies and tactics into practice.

Joanna

LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Drive In 16th March 2024

The committee and members would like to wish our President Michael Purcell and our Captain's Una Ronan and John McDermott the very best of luck in their year ahead. We hope you have a most memorable year.

Our Drive In will be at 10am on Saturday morning following our opening festivities. Best wishes to all members for the coming year and hopefully it will be a great year for pitch and putt.

Membership Fees

Membership Fees are now due and can be paid over this weekend at the club house to any committee member or you can pay online ensuring you quote your registration number.



New Members Welcome – Adults and Juveniles

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

6th April 2024 - New Members – Adults and Juveniles

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

Full Zip Tops / Jackets / T-Shirts

Members, please note that Dora Keane is the contact for the stock of our club zip tops / jackets and t-shirts.

Wishing you Well

Wishing Terry O'Shaughnessy every good wish for a speedy recovery.

Saturday 23rd March 2024

We are holding our Fund Raiser for Michael Monahan on Saturday 23rd March. We have a race night at 9pm followed by music and our raffle. If you cannot attend on the night you can purchase your raffle tickets from any of the house committee or alternatively you can give a donation to the fund. If you wish to sell some tickets – we have books of tickets available from any of the House Committee.



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.

Siúlóid Staire: Míle buíochas le Liam Mac Amhlaidh ó fhoirne peile fásta an chumainn as turas staire den chéad scoth a dhéanamh linn Dé Sathairn

Bhí an-eolas agus an-chraic ann agus tá go leor firicí agus amhrán nua ar eolas ag gach duine a bhí i láthair anois. Tá an t-ádh linn go bhfuil leithéid Liam againn chun imeacht chomh spéisiúil leis a chur ar siúl.

Grma le Seachtain na Gaeilge le Energia as cabhrú leis an imeacht seo a eagrú.

Foireann Iomána A: Tá an fhoireann iomána A tosaithe ag dreapadh an dréimire le cúpla bliain anuas agus d'éirigh leo leanacht ar aghaidh leis an dul chun cinn sin agus an chéad bhua i Roinn 5 i stair iomána an chlub bainte amach acu inné. Chríochnaigh an chluiche 1-16 go 0-15. Moladh mór d'Aonghus Ó hEochaidh a fuair 1-3 agus Eoghan Ó Masúin a fuair 0-3. Maith sibh a fheara!



Athair agus Mac: Lá bródúil inniu do Phroinsias Mac Fhearghusa, an chéad uair a d'imir sé ar an bhfoireann iomána chéanna lena mhac Daire (in éadan Naomh Marcus). Ar ndóigh tá ceangail ag muintir Mhic Fhearghusa leis an gclub le tamall fada agus bhí Ciarán Mac Fhearghusa ó Óga Yóga i measc na gcéad daoine a raibh an smaoineamh acu club lán-Ghaeilge a bhunú i mBaile Átha Cliath.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Some members of the group would like to produce printed photo albums containing some of their best work. So last Friday Donal gave a presentation on what is involved. This Friday those interested started work on the production of their 28 page albums. The fundamental trick seems to be not to place any order until what you want is on special offer!

This week Kay was in the National Botanic Gardens, Kilmacurragh near Kilbride in Co. Wicklow and produced some nice photos of the flowers and shrubs that are already in bloom. The gardens are particularly famous for the Conifer and Rhododendron collections although Kay noted at the Rhododendrons are not out in all their glory yet because of the wet weather. The Gardens lie within an estate developed extensively during the 19th century by Thomas Acton (1826 – 1908) in conjunction with David Moore (1808 – 1879) and his son Sir Frederick Moore (1857 – 1949), Curators of the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin at that time.



Frances managed to capture a grey squirrel. Our native squirrel, the red squirrel has been displaced in many parts of the country by the grey one. In Europe since 2016, the grey squirrel is included in the list of “*Invasive Alien Species of (European) Union Concern*” and cannot be intentionally released into the environment in the European Union.

Until next week stay safe!



Conor submitted a photo of a bird I had never heard of before, a Siskin, which is a small finch with yellow and black plumage. It breeds throughout Britain and Ireland.

