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## A Snippet of Lucan History

Listening to the Gospel (*and sermon*) in St. Mary's Church recently, I was reminded of a newspaper article I read online about the unveiling of the stained-glass window, *The Transfiguration*, on the wall at the Sacristy. This window was donated to the parish by the Moran Family of St. Edmundsbury, nearly 140 years ago.

Its dedication reads:

*In memory of Elizabeth Emilia, wife of William Moran, and of their deceased children. Pray for the repose of their souls.*

The *Freeman's Journal* of 17 April 1884 carried a report that the window was unveiled at a Solemn High Mass in St. Mary's at 11.30 a.m. on the previous Sunday (April 13<sup>th</sup>). It described how, as the *Gloria in excelsis* was being intoned by the celebrant, the window was uncovered over what was then the High Altar. This took place over forty years after the church itself was consecrated (*on 5 January 1840*). One can only wonder what was there before the window was fitted.

The newspaper reported that 'the graceful design and rich colouring reflect much credit on the artistes of the *Windsor Glass Works*'. It credited a Dublin firm, *Millard* of Grantham-street, with the 'handsomely carved stone mullions' set to the design of an architect called Geoghegan.

Apparently, in his sermon, the Rev. Alfred Murphy, S.J., 'eloquently blended the joys of the resurrection with the memory of the late Elizabeth Moran'.

William Moran and his wife were married in Calcutta about 1835. They had a large family but some of the children died either as infants or at quite a young age. Elizabeth Moran died on 6 August 1880, at the reported age of 64 years. *The Irish Times* of 28 April 1888 carried a 'For Sale' notice for St. Edmundsbury, describing it as 'a handsome residence and demesne the property of William Moran, Esq., J.P.' William Moran died on 13 November 1894 and his death was registered in Kensington, London.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, LUCAN.  
On Sunday the ceremony of unveiling a memorial window took place in St Mary's Church, Lucan. The window is at the east end over the high altar, and has been erected by William Moran, Esq., St. Edmundsbury, in memory of his deceased wife and children. The subject is the Transfiguration, and the graceful design and rich colouring reflect much credit on the artistes of the Windsor Glass Works. The window has been set in handsomely carved stone mullions by the firm Millard, Grantham-street, according to the design of Mr. Geoghegan, architect. Solemn High Mass was sung at 11½ o'clock, and as the celebrant intoned the "Gloria in excelsis," the window was uncovered. A sermon was preached by the Rev Alfred Murphy, S J, who eloquently blended the joys of the resurrection with the memory of the deceased lady in whose honour the window is erected; and whose benevolence will be long remembered by the people of Lucan.

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Mary (Jackson)  
14 March 2023

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours:

*Walk-ins to see an Information Officer*

Tuesday: 10am - 12pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

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

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

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

**We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.**

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

### MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting

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

## Student Grant Applications 2023-2024

If you are already getting the Student Grant, renewal applications for 2023-2024 opened on 9 March 2023.

## Credit History

Your Credit History is information about your loans. It includes details such as:

The type of loans

The amount of the loans

The outstanding amount

Any missed payments

This information is listed in a credit report.

Credit reports are available for lenders (such as banks and credit unions) to check when they are considering applications for loans.

Credit reports are held by the Central Credit Register (CCR). The Central Credit Register does not give a credit score or credit rating. Your lender decides on your loan application based on their own lending policy.

You can request a copy of your own credit report online or apply by post.

If you are applying for an overdraft, mortgage, credit card or other type of loan, you can check your credit report before you apply. It can help you spot any missed payments you are not aware of or mistakes in your credit report.

## How lenders use your credit record

When you apply for a loan or other type of credit, such as a credit card, overdraft, hire purchase or personal contract plan (PCP), the lender can use your credit history when deciding whether or not to lend to you.

The information on your credit report can be used to decide:

Whether to lend to you

How much to allow you to borrow

How much interest to charge you

## Lenders may check your credit report when you:

Apply for a new loan

Apply to have your existing loan restructured

Have arrears on an existing loan

Have gone over the limit of a credit card or overdraft

Under EU law, lenders must assess your creditworthiness before agreeing to give you a loan. Creditworthiness means your ability to repay the loan. This assessment must be based on the information you provide as part of your loan application, and also on the information in your credit report.

When you apply for a loan, the lender must check the Central Credit Register if the loan is for €2,000 or more.

Lenders can also check the Central Credit Register if the loan application is for under €2,000 or:

You have requested a re-structure of an existing loan

There are arrears on an existing loan or a breach of a limit on a credit card or overdraft

Your consent is not required for lenders to check the Central Credit Register.

Separately, you may be required to give the lender permission to check your credit history on another database. Usually, this consent is part of your contract or agreement when you first apply for a loan, so you may not notice that you are giving consent.

## What happens if you are refused a loan?

If you are refused a loan because of information in your credit report, the lender must tell you this.

This applies to personal consumer credit agreements for amounts between €200 and €75,000. It does not apply to mortgages.

**There is more information** on this topic on our website at

[Your credit history \(citizensinformation.ie\)](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

**Happy Birthday Johnny**  
on the 22nd March

Hope you have a great day!



## Lucan ICA

20th March: We continue working on our crafts, all enjoying their work and chats.

**Tea Hostesses** are Anne Beales and Patricia Harding.



We thank all our members who donated so generously to the Feliachain collection in aid of anyone affected by the death of a baby around the time of birth.

Thank you so much to Fiona Guinan and Carmel Lyons for providing a beautiful and delicious St Patricks Day themed tea for us to enjoy, very talented ladies. It was lovely to see our ladies dresses in green in honour of our Patron Saint.

## Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

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 through the village, taking approximately two hours to complete the route. **Road closures** in the area from 2pm to 6pm.



Last Thursday 9 of our ICA ladies taught crochet to 30 TY students from St Joseph's College.

This is our tenth year to do crochet with the girls, they enjoyed the class and learned very quickly -  
That's youth for you!!

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in **St Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, **on Thursdays at 11.30am.**

New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. No charge for your first meeting.

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





# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**St Patrick's Day Masses:**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: Vigil 7.30pm**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: 10am and 11.30am**  
**No Evening Mass on St Patrick's Day**

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

### Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday to Friday: **10am** and **7.30pm**.

Saturday 10am.

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

### Christian Meditation:

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

### Scriptural Readings:

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

### Confessions – Nuns' Chapel:

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

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

### Baptisms:

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

### Legion of Mary:

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



### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Coffee Dock Open:

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the wife, family and friends of **James (Jimmy) Molloy**, Esker Lawns and to the wife, family and friends of **John Foley**, Westmanstown.

*May they rest in peace.*



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

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

**St Patrick's Day Masses:**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: Vigil 7pm**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: 9am and 10.30am**



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

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

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

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

## A Contemplative Journey through Lent

Join us for prayer on Thursday of each week of Lent.

**Time:** 11am to 11.30am

**Venue:** Kairos, 125 Castlegate Way,

**All Welcome**

*Kairos Tel: 01 5599240*

*St Angela Dolan*



### 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 and 7pm Masses.

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



### St Patrick's Day Masses:

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>: Vigil Mass at 7pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am (Family Mass)  
and 12:00pm**

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

### Stations of the Cross:

For the season of Lent we will have weekly stations of the cross in the Church on **Saturday at 6pm before the Vigil Mass at 6:30pm**. Please join us as we journey with Christ this Lent in preparation for His resurrection.

This will continue every week until Saturday 1st April which is the Saturday before Holy Week.

### St. Joseph's Young Priests Society;

Last June we set up a branch of St. Joseph's Young Priests Society in Lucan South Parish. The aim is to pray for vocations and also try to help seminarians financially.

St Joseph's started with Olivia Mary Taffe in 1895 Her son died before he was ordained. She then started to support young men who had a vocation to the priesthood but didn't have the means to pay for their education. It was to help with their formation and also to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

There are many branches throughout Ireland and we also assist seminarians throughout the world both spiritually and financially.

There are special occasions of prayer for vocations for our members, feast days of St. Joseph are March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> and also world day for vocations.

We would gladly welcome new members. We meet 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Our next meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10.40am for 1hour.**

### Church Gate Collection

**This Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

(Feast of St Joseph)

To help support our young men for the  
priesthood

We would welcome your support

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm for private prayers.

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

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

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

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

### Legion of Mary:

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

### 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. Who will get the Full House?

**seniorline**

National Confidential Listening Service  
for Older People

We are SeniorLine, Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We had over 20,000 calls last year and have remained open throughout Covid to support many lonely and anxious people. We are available every day of the year 10am-10pm. We now need to recruit more volunteers.

### 'Are you a good listener?'

SeniorLine, Ireland's national telephone service for older people is inviting women and men aged 55+ to train as volunteers for our service.

**If interested, please contact 087-7450721.**

**Thank you'.**

### Afternoon Tea-Dance

**Scouts Den Kilcock**

**THIS Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**3 – 5.30pm**

Tea and Refreshments Served

*All Welcome*



## Acknowledgement

### JAMES (JIMMY) KANE

The wife, family and sister of the late James "Jimmy" Kane, late of Sarsfield Park, wish to thank all who helped them at this sad time.

Dr. Denise Collins, Kiniron's Chemist, District Nurses, Manor Homecare, Palliative Care, Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, Sr. Geraldine, singer Nicola and organist, Cunningham's Funeral Home, Kenny's Pub and not forgetting our very good neighbours and friends.

Thanks to everyone.

**Jimmy's Month's Mind Mass is in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

*The Kane Family*



## Anniversaries

### CHRISTOPHER (CHRIS) BRADY

**38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Happy times we spent together  
Memories that will last forever  
Thinking of you always.

*Your loving daughter Hillary xxx*

### SIMON EIFFE

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Those we love don't go away  
They walk beside us every day  
Also remembering the deceased members of the **Eiffe** Family.

*Your loving family*



## Anniversaries

### LADDIE BIRNIE

**16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 19<sup>th</sup> March**

*You and May are still very much missed each day  
by all your family*

### JACK COLLINS

**16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 15<sup>th</sup> March**

In loving memory of Jack Collins.  
Late Sarsfield Park.

The world changes from year to year  
Our lives from day to day  
But the love and memory of you  
Shall never pass away.

*Loved and remembered by your  
daughters Carol Anne, Elizabeth,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren*



## Esker Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone,*

We had forty-eight members at our Club meeting today so a big crowd to manage but everyone got stuck into bowling, scrabble, whist and bridge and enjoyed the company of their friends and companions. #

Next week we are delighted to say we are taking part in an Intergenerational Project with some lovely young students from Colaiste Cois in Lucan and this has been arranged by Mr. Harry Keogh. They are going to do a quiz with us and also provide some entertainment. We are all looking forward to meeting them next Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we are off on our first trip this year. We are going to Clonakilty with a full coach load of our members to have the craic and get pampered in the Clonakilty Park Hotel for four days and nights while McGinley Travel drive us almost door to door and take us on day trips around the County of Cork. Live entertainment each night for all us dancing enthusiasts as well!!

The club will not be open on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March as we are away having fun.....  
In our club, we know how to enjoy ourselves that's for sure. Still plenty of room for newcomers so just drop in any Wednesday afternoon or give me a call on the number below.

*Till next time,  
Marian Egan (Club Secretary) 0861269043*

### JOE FENNELL

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary - 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Husband and father, Francophile and engineer  
And a lover of all things Lucan  
On his anniversary

I will be remembering all these different roles  
But above all - my dad's kindness,  
Support and love over the years.

*Loved and missed every day by his son, Michael*

## A bit of a Gazette – March 2023

Myriads of spring bulbs set in autumn by Maria, Horticulturalist SDCC, are in early colour in the Demesne.

Canoes etc 'Regatta' on the Liffey after last week's deluge.

St. Catherine's upper courtyard well-scaffold during restoration work and a drinking fountain grotto built near dog run.

Delightful woven hazel tunnels near Lumper figures in children's playground.

Excellent wheelchair friendly gym system near both car parks in St. Catherine's Park.

Good to see cup-back of overhanging trees on footbridge near Tesco S/C

For our Tidy Towns Teams and all who pick up litter – one and all – Thanks! You are invincible.

Question: What can be done to enhance Lucan's ancient bridge?

A recent visit to Mike Bunn's Exhibition at Farmleigh was fascinating especially his darkly radiant portraits of actor Olwyn Fuere.

For a long time a lonely redundant wooden ESB pole stood in lower Tandy's Lane – leaning over, tied down by wire rope and high cut-off cables. Just awaiting removal from its sojourn opposite Ardeevin Road .... until Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 before noon, some unknown agency caused the unfortunate pole to be reinforced at the leaning position with two metal bars, its wire rope cut and tied up along the pole!!! And at a cost of Sunday rate for a couple of hour's mindless activity. So the 'Leaning Pole' of Ardeevin goes on into history.

**Happy and successful St. Patrick's Festival to everyone.** *B.M.L.C.*



**St. Patrick's Festival** weekend is here, and we hope all have an enjoyable time. Birdie is looking forward to the Parade – hopefully we'll get a dry few hours on the day.

### Happy Mother's Day

to all the Mams in Lucan. No doubt you'll all be allowed put your feet up for the day. Have a good one



**St. Joseph's Presentation Convent** – Falling on a Sunday this year, the feast of St. Joseph (19<sup>th</sup> March), is also the 156<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Presentation Convent in Lucan. The site is looking splendid after the recent renovation works, most notably, the new entrance replacing the original which was built to cater for nothing wider than a horse and carriage back in 1867. We send greetings to all the Sisters!

### The Big Game of the weekend!

Those of us not lucky enough to get a ticket will be glued to the telly, as Ireland take on the 'ould enemy', on Saturday. Fingers crossed they can achieve the grand slam – they certainly got a good fright against Scotland last weekend, but here's hoping all will go well.



### Volunteer Company Secretary opportunity


Liffey Sound 96.4FM is seeking applicants

for a Volunteer Company Secretary to join the Board of Directors of our vibrant Community Radio Station. Responsibilities include attending

monthly Board meetings via Zoom, recording minutes of monthly meetings and maintaining share and other statutory registers. If interested in this role, please forward your CV to [stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie](mailto:stationmanager@liffeysoundfm.ie) Liffey Sound is Lucan's Community Radio Station [www.liffeysoundfm.ie](http://www.liffeysoundfm.ie) or check out our Facebook page



**"Medieval Esker: hiding in plain sight"**  
A talk with Helen Farrell from The Society for Old Lucan  
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A talk with Helen Farrell from The Society for Old Lucan  
Join us at Lucan Library as Helen discusses the Medieval sites and artefacts of Esker. Helen will enlighten us to all the evidence found and evidence before our very eyes and surrounding us in our everyday lives! On Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm here at Lucan Library. you can book a place through Eventbrite at [lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie](https://lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie)





## Lucan Senior Citizens

St. Patrick was celebrated in great style on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> by all our members. Forty shades of green were in evidence jumpers, scarfs, hair bands and glittery shamrock earrings.

A big thank you to all our committee and members who generously supported the Shamrock Sale for Feileacain.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March:**  
10.30 - 2.15, **Social Morning and Lunch** in the Sea Hotel. Senior Citizens



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- ✓ Help students develop not only as individuals but also as a member of a team

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# CHOOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Senior Hockey:** Well done to the senior hockey team who won their match against Glasnevin, the team included students from 2<sup>nd</sup> year right up to 6<sup>th</sup> year.



**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** This week in school we have been celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge with various activities over the last three days for students and staff. Students in the junior classes took part in a poster competition in class while the seniors created tik toks as Gaeilge. On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year classes enjoyed fun activities in class including bingo as Gaeilge / some Céili dancing and some students showed off their Irish Dancing skills. As per tradition on Thursdays morning the Irish Department cooked a full Irish Breakfast for the entire Staff.

**Flag Day:** Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March will be Flag Day in St. Joseph's College - a day to celebrate the symbolism and importance of the Irish Flag, and how it celebrates the coming together of 74 different nationalities in St. Joseph's College. In celebrating such a rich number of cultures and traditions, we invited all students to take part in our no-uniform day - to wear their own traditional dress or to wear green for the traditional Lá Glas. In what was a special year to celebrate the Irish flag in its 175<sup>th</sup> year we had a full day of activities planned for Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> and we can't wait to tell you all about it in next week's edition of the newsletter.

**First Year Stay Awake:** Our Cinnire team held a hugely successful stay awake on Thursday evening when over 80 1<sup>st</sup> years took part in their Pyjama party Theme stay awake event. Well done

to all the organisers and to those who supervised on Friday evening from 7-10.

**Maths Pi Quiz:** Well done to our group of 3<sup>rd</sup> year students who took part in the Pi Quiz in St Kevin's College on Tuesday evening. The competition is based on a team of 4 students working together to solve mathematical problems based on the Junior Cycle Higher level Maths syllabus.



**Junior Gaelic Team:** Well done to the Junior Gaelic team who won their match on Tuesday against Coláiste Bríde in Clondalkin. It was an excellent team display.

**5<sup>th</sup> Year Trip to DCU:** The purpose of the trip is to familiarise students with the University campus and Degree courses on offer at this Higher Educational Institution. Students will have an opportunity to tour the grounds of the campus and to talk to student ambassadors about life at DCU. The trip represents another opportunity for students to become more informed and prepared to make important choices when completing their CAO application in 6<sup>th</sup> year.

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



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Hurling:** Good luck to our senior hurlers who take on Coláiste na Trócaire, Limerick in the All-Ireland Final this Thursday. The match takes place at the LOETB Centre of Excellence in Portlaoise with a throw-in time of 1:30pm. This is the school's 1<sup>st</sup> ever National Final in hurling so excitement has been building in the school ever since their momentous semi-final win last Monday. Lucan's opponents had a big semi-final of their own as they defeated Mercy College Woodford 3-22 to 1-08 so it promises to be another top-class encounter between two excellent teams. Coláiste Phádraig will be bringing 150 students to the match so our team will certainly have plenty of vocal support on the day. Lucan captain Liam Garigan was in Croke Park last Wednesday promoting the game with his counterparts in the Limerick team.

The team will also be kitted out in new training tops kindly sponsored by Crane Care Ltd and the McCaffrey family (who are all past pupils) so many thanks to both for getting in touch voluntarily and making this lovely offer. Matthew and his father Sean presented the jerseys to the team on Wednesday and the lads were delighted with them.



*Matthew and Sean McCaffrey present the tops to Michael Cunningham and Eoin Kilduff*

The team will also be travelling to the game on a coach supplied free of charge by James Mullally Coach Hire, Maynooth so we thank them for this nice gesture. Thanks also to O' Meara Sliotars for sponsoring a set of sliotars for the big day.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr hurlers began their Dublin League campaign last Wednesday with an emphatic 11-12 to 0-0 victory over Gaelcholáiste Reachrann, Donaghmede in a completely one-sided group game. James Duffy helped himself to 3 goals, Henry Greene scored 2-3, Aidan Doyle got 1-01 while Derry Ware (1-01), Ciarán O' Sullivan (0-

3), Jack Sheridan (1-0), Conor McHugh (2-0), Paidí Murphy (0-2), Cian Kelly (1-1) and Brian Whelan (0-3) also got scores in a rampant Lucan display.

**Soccer:** Hard luck to our 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team were beaten 4-3 by St. Brendan's CS Birr on Monday in the Leinster Shield 1-4 final. Despite two goals from Conor Abbott and one from Alex Keogh that gave the team a 3-2 lead with 5 mins remaining, St. Brendan's scored two late goals to break Lucan hearts as they exited the competition in cruel fashion.

**French news:** Ms. Redmond's 3<sup>rd</sup> yr French class enjoyed a delicious French breakfast in the canteen on Monday morning. The students were served freshly baked, golden brown croissants, crisp, flaky and savoury Jambons as well as buttery and sweet tasting pain au chocolat, washed down by some orange juice, hot chocolate and tea. They also spoke French for much of the time so it was an educational and very tasty breakfast for all involved.

**Model UN Club:** Our Model UN Club sent two teams of students to the annual WCDMUN Conference which was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Wesley College. The conference was completely student led with senior students from Wesley designing the rules and procedures of the debate. There were over 400 students participating this yr, with 29 schools represented (with schools from Belgium, Greece and America also in attendance) gathering to showcase their debating skills and knowledge of international affairs. Coláiste Phádraig sent two teams and they were representing Gabon and Togo throughout the conference. The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General opened the conference before one group was sent to their committees and the other had their dinner. One of Lucan's team were on the Security Council Committee which had three chairs who functioned as operators for the meetings.

On Saturday the students become more accustomed to the procedures and practices and they began to speak up more and give their thoughts on some of the resolutions that were being passed. A General Assembly session was held in the afternoon with the entire conference in debate, although notably only some countries were involved. While Coláiste Phádraig did not win any awards, they gained invaluable experience of how Model UN conferences and operate and they plan to participate in numerous other such events in the coming months.

## Lucan Community College

**The Big Busk:** On Friday 10th March, students and teachers performed, busked, and entertained in aid of Focus Ireland. Focus Ireland in partnership with Today FM for the Big Busk in aid of 'Supporting the Journey Home'. The Big Busk for Focus Ireland is focused on tackling the issue of homelessness through the powerful medium of music, art, and performance. Over €250 was raised in aid of Focus Ireland. There was a fantastic display of talent from all students and teachers involved. Thank you all for your generosity in supporting individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Ireland.



**Trip to Kilmainham Jail:** Transition Year students from Mr Branagan's and Ms Mulhern's classes enjoyed a great trip to Kilmainham Gaol today. They received a guided tour of the jail from OPW tour guide Andrew, who gave an insight into what life was like in the prison for inmates and showed some of the prison cells where the 1916 leaders were imprisoned and showed where they were executed for their role in the rebellion. A sombre and important part of Irish history.

**Festival of Music:** On 28th February, the National Concert Hall hosted the DDLETB Festival of Music. This was a unique opportunity for music enthusiasts to showcase their talents. The Festival of Music was a night filled with exceptional performances, as both solo and group acts took to the stage. From classical to contemporary music, the variety of genres represented the diverse music tastes of schools in the DDLETB.

The students performed a Billy Joel Medley. The arrangement was arranged by the students with the help of Ms Conway and Mr Murphy. Solo singer was 5th Year student Cian Tuohy. Musicians include 6th Year student Eoin O'Sullivan on piano, Sean Grice on drums, Evan Norman on harmonica and Elsie Morrison on bass.



The Festival of Music was an opportunity for our students to shine, and they certainly did. They represented Lucan Community College to the highest standards. We are proud of each and every one of our students who took part in the event. It takes courage to perform in front of an audience, and we are delighted to see so many of our students rise to the challenge. Many thanks to Mr Murphy and Ms Conway for their hard work in preparing the choir for this fantastic occasion.



**TY Law Essay Finalists:** Congratulations to TY Law students Vlad Grosu and Annabell Nabulele who have been short listed for the Law Society essay prize. Thanks to their teacher Ms McKeever who has supported them through the process and we wish them the best of luck with the competition.

**5th Year Subject Options 2023/24:** This year's options process for 5th Year 2023 is now open. The options process will be open until Sunday 19th March.

As parents of next year's 5th year students you are requested to choose your 5th year subject options with your son/daughter via your parental VShare account. For more information please visit the school website: [www.lucancc.ie](http://www.lucancc.ie)

**Wellbeing Week:** It's Wellbeing Week in Lucan Community College! There are plenty of physical activities to choose from each day - students are free to wear school tracksuits and get involved. Activities include Table Tennis, Fun Fitness, Step Aerobics, Boxercise, Zumba, Staff Bake Off Competition, Pizza Making Workshops. See our Instagram account for daily updates!





# Political Notes

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### Abbeywood – Trees:

Abbeywood estate is included on the tree maintenance programme 2023 – 2025, however I have received some requests with regards to specific asks at certain locations within Abbeywood. As a result, the council have this week confirmed to me that they will replant the trees that were removed some years ago at the entrance to the Court.

### Adamstown – Mural Update:

Unfortunately, the request for a mural on the Adamstown Link Road bridge (previously agreed in principle to a motion I tabled) is looking increasingly unlikely due to cost. However, submissions are being invited to decide on an alternative artistic project at

<https://forms.office.com/r/8pSCTP2AFQ>

### Lá Fhéile Pádraig Sona Duit!

Like everyone I'm looking forward to attending the Lucan Village St Patrick's Day festivities with family and friends. Well done to the organisers and all the participants - **Happy St Patrick's Day!**

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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### Pedestrian Lights:

I highlighted the concerns raised by many regarding switching on the new pedestrian lights with council management at this week's council meeting. They will bring the matter to the attention of the ESB, I will keep pursuing this until they connect the power.

### Age Friendly Parking Spaces:

I have been asked to raise the matter of installing 'age friendly' parking spaces in the Lucan area. This is something that has been introduced into other areas, they provide additional security and safety to those more vulnerable in our community.

### Register to Vote:

I initiated the 'register to vote' events held in Adamstown over the years. It would be arranged to have local gardai present to sign/stamp the relevant forms. I intend to facilitate this again; I will keep all posted on this.

**Wishing everyone a Happy, Safe Enjoyable St. Patricks Day!**

## Ireland

*Have you ever heard the story?*

*Of how Ireland got its name*

*Well, I'll tell you so*

*you'll understand*

*From whence Old*

*Ireland came*

*'Tis no wonder that I*

*love*

*That dear land across*

*the sea*

*For here's the way*

*my dear old dad*

*Told the tale to me*

*A little bit of heaven*

*Fell from the sky one day*

*And it drifted on the ocean*

*To a spot so far away*

*And when the angels found it*

*It looked so sweet and fair*

*They said 'sure, we can leave it now*

*It looks so peaceful there'*

*So, they sprinkled it with stardust*

*to make the shamrocks grow*

*'Tis the only place you'll find them*

*No matter where you go.*

*Then they dotted it with silver*

*To make its lakes so grand*

*And when they had it finished*

*Sure, they called it Éireland.*





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



A big congratulations to Abby Sheils and DCU on their Yoplait HEC O'Connor Cup final victory, their first since 2018 🏆

Poor weather saw a lot of games cancelled this week leaving us a scarcity of news in what was proving to be an exciting start to Sarsfields season at all levels. This left a good segway for promotion of the White Collar Fight Night our big event to raise funds to support development at the club and have the pitches and facilities available in all weather conditions.

### Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg. U15A Camogie

Round 2 of the U15 Camogie League saw the team Travel out to Na Fianna. On a very wet cold day, the game was played on the all-weather pitch in St Pats College Drumcondra. With both teams giving it their all, in harsh conditions, Na Fianna were out of the blocks first with a couple of points, Lucan responded with a point followed by a well worked and taken goal. Na Fianna replied with a goal of their own and another point. Lucan finished the half with another score and the Halftime score line of Lucan Sarsfields 1-2 to Na Fianna 1-3.

Second half, Lucan Sarsfields were first out of the traps winning the throw in, working the ball down the field and pointing straight away. Moments later Lucan Sarsfields burst through the Na Fianna defence and struck the ball at goal which blazed just wide. Lucan Sarsfields continued to put pressure on the Na Fianna defence and came close to raising a green flag. With great teamwork from the forwards they began to get their rewards and racked up a few goals. Na Fianna never gave up and continued to attack but were met with great defensive efforts to hold them scoreless in the second half. Lucan Sarsfields came away with a well-deserved win 1-3 to 6-3.

**U15A panel:** Kate Lynch, Tara Montgomery, Niamh O'Brien, Caoileann Sharkey, Kate Kennedy, Cara Coffey, Ciara Hylands, Juliette Hartford, Sadhbh Lynch, Eva Collis, Reka Kiss Kalló, Sophie Carberry, Millie Ryan, Ellen Eakins, Olivia Byrne, Aoibhinn Murray, Chloe Newman, Aoife Murphy, Orla Dunne.



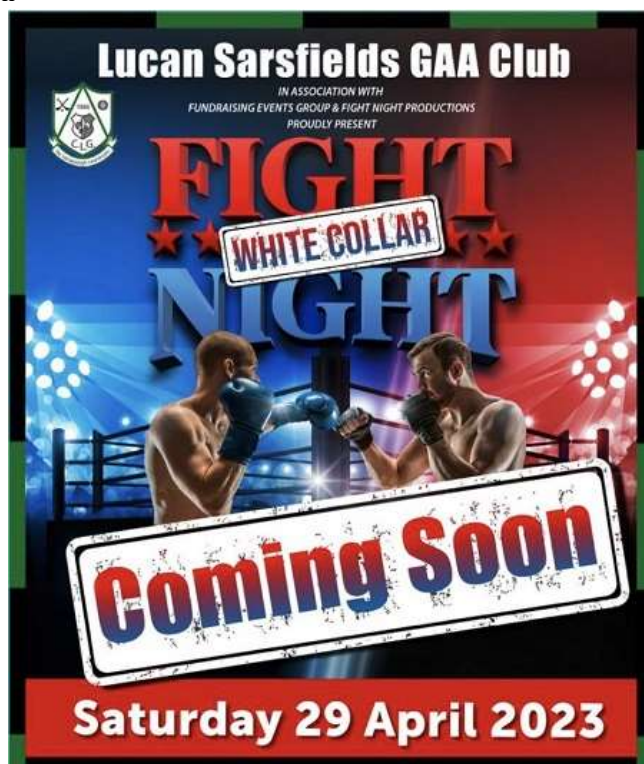
### Lotto

No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €15,400.

The Numbers were **7, 18, 24, 26.**

**The 5 lucky dip prizes go to,** Ian Brogan, Claire Rigney, Claire Joyce, Donal Downes and Pdraig O'Driscoll. Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€15,800.**

The draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Josephine Donohue.



**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club** are hosting a major club fundraising event on **April 29th.**

It will take place in the **Big Top** in the overflow car park. To make this event a success, we will need members to help out with some of the activities. **Right now** we are looking to hear from members interested in stepping into the ring to display their boxing skills in support of the club. Get your name down now as **only 30** contestants will get the opportunity to participate! Go to <http://bit.ly/LucanSarsfieldsWCB> for more information.

We are also offering full and half-page advertising slots in the event programme. Contact our fundraising team by email, [lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:lucansarsfields.fundraising@gmail.com), to reserve your space. Don't forget to keep an eye on our website and social media to find out more about the event and the contestants.





## Na Gaeil Óga CLG



### Cailíní Faoi 8 - Camogie

Bhí ár gcéad chluiche camógaíochta den séasúr againn in aghaidh Na Sáirséalaigh. Scileanna den scoth le feiceáil uathu ar fad. Maith sibh uilig a chailíní. Míle Mór Buíochas @nasáirséalaigh as ucht an óstáil ar maidin agus an fáilte mór a thug sibh dúinn. "Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí"



### Lá idirnáisiúnta na mban

Lá idirnáisiúnta na mban sona díobh go léir. Tá foirne iontacha againn ó óg go aosta agus táimid go léir bródúil as gach rud atá bainte amach acu.



### Buachaillí F12 - Iomáint

Bhí an-lá ag na buachaillí faoi 12 ag imirt cluiche iomána i gCluain Tarbh Dé Sathairn. Taispeántas iontach ón bhfoireann ar fad i bPáirc Naomh Áine. Bhuaigh said an cluiche 3-4 vs 2-0, maith sibh!

### Cailíní F12 - Peil

D'imir an dá fhoireann go hiontach in aghaidh @lucansarsfieldsofficial Obair den scoth Sin ár gcéad chluiche peile den séasúr agus bhí gach duine ar feabhas. Maith sibh, ar aghaidh linn le chéile. NGÓ abú!





# SPORTS

## LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

A Busy Busy weekend for Lucan Harriers Seniors and master's indoors and outdoors across Dublin, Meath, Kildare and Toyko



### Bohermeen Half Marathon

5 Lucan athletes travelled to Bohermeen near Navan for the annual half marathon, while it was not as cold or wet as previous runnings of this event it was still a testing 2 lap course. Over 1,750 registered for this this long-established road race. The event is always very well supported every year and always produces good times. Well done to all those who ran on Sunday and to Bohermeen A.C. for hosting another great race. Eamonn Ryan 1.26.03. James Crowley 1.32.55. Kathleen Trunk 1.37.11. Brian Beattie 1.39.13 PB Trish Gough 1.46.29.

### Meanwhile in Maynooth

A cold wet windy finish to the BHAA cross country season, roll on the Road Races now. It didn't stop a few hardy Harriers making the trip to Maynooth to. To say the conditions under feet were soft is an understatement. According to Rob about 600m a lap was runnable, about 700m was soft and you needed to zig zag to find runnable ground, 100m was cold soup, and 200m was somewhere in between.

#### 4 Mile race

Rob Brannigan 28:07 2nd in age category  
Emmet Quinn 29:58 finishing off his first XC season.

#### 2 Mile race

Mary Browne 15:37 1st in her age category  
Thanks to Barry Aherne and Jim Dwyer were on the side-line with their wellies and umbrellas volunteering. Well done everyone tough conditions but very rewarding I'd imagine. A warm cup of tea really the spot after.

### Castletown Parkrun

Congratulations to Ana Barbu first lady cross the line at Castletown Parkrun on Saturday in an impressive time of 22.25. Ana has been training so well and strongly in the last few months. Well done wishing you continued success.

### Dublin 10K Championship

The Windmill Garristown Dublin 10 k, road race, hosted by Garristown Flyers AC, was held on Sunday 12th March with a field of 277

completing the course which incorporated the Dublin Men's 10k Championships for 2023.

A tough hilly course by all accounts.

A few Dublin medals were well earned by Lucan Harriers Athletes Patrick O40 and Will O45 both 2nd in their category. Both winning their first championship medals, which is always extra sweet 5th team on the day also.

We also had Sinead Farrell representing the ladies so proudly running a super 55 minutes. Will Byrne 36.47. Patrick Holden 36.47. Ryan Rafter 38.07. Eoghan Harford 44.34. Damian O Sullivan 44.52. Sinead Farrell 55.32.

### Tokyo Marathon

Congratulations to Globe Trotting Lucan Harriers Jason Barrett who competed the Tokyo Marathon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March in a wonderful time of 4 hours 22

minutes. Jason added Tokyo to his global marathons. He has now completed 5 of the 6 major world marathons, Berlin, NYC, Chicago, London, and Tokyo. He hopes to get to Boston next

year to complete the majors, watch this space. Well done, Jason, fantastic achievement



*Ryan Rafter, Sinead Farrell, Damian O Sullivan, (Club Captain), Will Byrne, Eoghan Harford, Patrick Holden at Dublin 10K championship in Garristown.*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The weekly report on the activities of the Camera Soiree was held over from last weekend's Newsletter because of pressure of space what with the details of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the extensive report of the St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council. There was no meeting of the Soiree this Friday morning because of it being St. Patrick's Day.



This week we have photos of a frosty morning along the river bank from Conor, a beautiful still life from Donal and photos along the Liffey quays by Paddy.



Apart from a very cheeky looking seagull Paddy has given us photos of two of the iconic images of Dublin city, the Custom House and the Ha'penny Bridge.



The Custom House

was the English Architect James Gandon's first large scale commission. Work started on the construction of the Custom House in 1781. It was completed and opened for business ten years later. Gandon was also involved in the design of other significant building in Ireland including the Four Courts and Emo Court in County Laoise. The Custom House now has a visitor centre which is worth seeing.



The Ha'penny Bridge was constructed in 1816 and was originally called the Wellington Bridge. Its official name is the Liffey Bridge. The bridge was built to replace ferries that had operated on the river. The toll initially was a halfpenny which was the same as that charged to use the ferry. The toll was abolished in 1919.



*Until next week stay safe!*