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## Spring Light



This weekend our clocks go forward an hour which will mean the return of lovely long spring evenings. There's something about spring evenings that draw us out of our homes and many will use the opportunity to enjoy evening walks. Given the lovely parks we have in Lucan we have no excuse not to take advantage of the blessings of nature. Combined with the extra hour of daylight, the return of colour to the gardens, signs of new life all around us, this makes for a lovely time of year.

Just as nature is awakening to new growth we will celebrate the great feast of Easter on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. Sunday next April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Passion or Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week, that sacred week when we recall the final days of the Lord's earthly life.

On Passion Sunday we will hear the story of Christ's passion and death from the Gospel of Matthew. This sets the tone for the days that follow especially Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

On Holy Thursday the priests of the diocese will gather with Archbishop Dermot in the Pro-Cathedral for the Chrism Mass; this is the only morning Mass celebrated in the Diocese that day. At this Mass the holy oils for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Sacrament of the Sick are blessed and distributed, and the priests will renew their commitment to priestly service. On Holy Thursday night each parish will celebrate the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper recalling the night on which Jesus instituted the Eucharist, at which he washed his disciples' feet as an example of love and service.

In Lucan on Good Friday, the four churches unite in a common act of public walking together with prayer and song following the Cross. This begins in St. Mary's at 12.00 noon and proceeds down the hill to the Methodist church, then on to the Presbyterian Church and concluding in St. Andrew's Church of Ireland. We invite all Christians to join us on this very special occasion.

On Good Friday at 3pm we gather for the solemn celebration of the Passion, this includes the veneration of the cross and the reception of Holy Communion. We gather again in the evening to pray the Stations of the Cross.

The culmination of Holy Week is the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. This celebration invites us to a renewal of baptismal commitment and rejoices in Christ's victory over sin and death.

Holy Week is an invitation to enter into the great mystery of Christ's love for us.

***Consider yourself invited!***

## 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

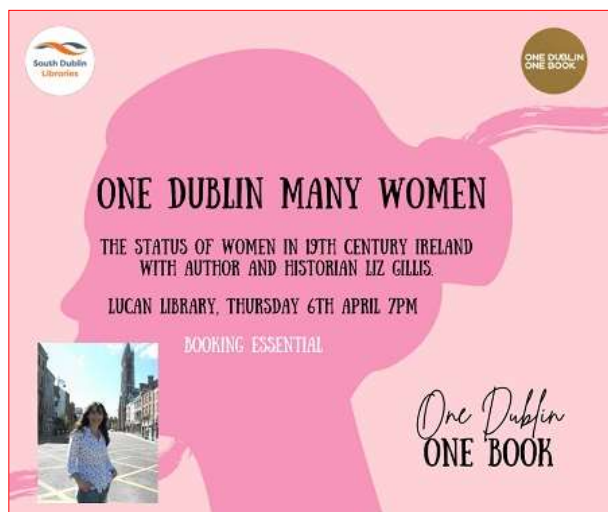
is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000.

### SCAMS and FRAUD [www.fraudsmart.ie](http://www.fraudsmart.ie)

FraudSMART, the fraud awareness initiative led by Banking & Payments Federation Ireland (BPFI), is warning consumers of a rise in serious investment scams that are highly convincing, appear to be legitimate, but are in the fact the work of fraudsters. Brochures using the names and branding of well-recognised, legitimate bonds and investment schemes are being circulated by fraudsters and advertised online. The fraudsters hide behind websites, including product comparison websites, which appear to be legitimate and also make contact via cold calling, unsolicited emails, social media and text messages.

Initial indications suggest that the scams are particularly targeted at those in the over 55 age bracket with a minimum investment of €20,000 and in many cases upwards of that. While the amounts may seem high it's important to point out that the victims are not necessarily wealthy customers, but often people on low to average incomes who have worked hard all their lives to build up a pension and are at a stage where they are looking for a last opportunity to top up their finances ahead of retirement. In one reported incident an older customer was about to invest

€60,000 from their pension into what appeared to be a legitimate scheme. Fortunately, the customer made a call directly to their bank before pushing the payment through and this meant that the fraud was identified and averted.



### Booking for above event via Eventbrite

at <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/one-dublin-many-women-with-historian-liz-gillis-tickets-560581844387>



## Lucan ICA

### Lucy Gannon RIP



It was with great sadness that we were informed of the death of Lucy Gannon. Lucy was a long-standing member of ICA.

She held many positions in Lucan Guild such as Timera, Arts Promoter and International Officer.

As Timera this involved the promotion of the Irish culture and language and for the first time ever a Lucan Guild member got chosen for a Federation position.

Lucy served as Vice- President in Dublin Federation for a time. Lucy was always helpful and had a mind of information on all ICA matters. We were very proud to have Lucy as a member in our Guild.

*President Pauline Bligh.*

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Craft morning 10am to 12-30 pm in the Parish Centre.

**Tea Hostesses** are Mary Skelly & Marie Trunk.

Best wishes to the 4 ladies who are off to Handcraft Week in An Grianan. Hope they have a good week and bring back lots of ideas for new projects for all the ladies to work on.



**FAIRDEAL & POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**DEMENTIA EVENING**  
INFORMATION & SUPPORT EVENINGS

Marymount Dementia Team will welcome Solicitor Sania McEntee and Marymount Director Conor McNulty to clarify Fairdeal and Power of Attorney and other Legal Aspects.

**THURSDAY**  
**6TH APRIL 2023**  
EDUCATION CENTRE  
MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE  
**7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**

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## Lucan Senior Citizens

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Party** in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30. Looking forward to seeing all the Easter Bonnets!



## Esler Active Retirement Association

*Hi everyone,*

We had fifty members at our Club meeting today and we also had a group of students from Colaiste Cois Life in Lucan who came to do a table quiz with us in Irish and English so we could all take part in an Intergenerational Project. They had some great questions; some tested us, especially the modern day singers!! and obviously no-one cheated!! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. These young people were an absolute joy to spend time with and that's not just because they brought us goodies to eat; they also entertained us with singing and playing music for us. They were accompanied by their teacher Elaine and the whole event had been arranged by Mr Harry Keogh. Fun was had by all and we hope to pay a visit to their school in the future.

This 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 (not Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March) or give me a call on the number below.

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

Hello  
HOW ARE YOU?

**CONNECT CAFE**

*Coffee. Chat. Connection.*

Lucan Library, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30 am-11.30am  
All Welcome





# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

### Weekday Masses during Lent:

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

Saturday 10am.

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



### St. Mary's Readers' Roster

**April 2023:** The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of April 2023 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

**Christian Meditation:** 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.*

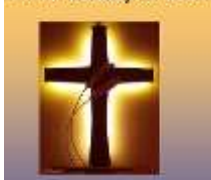
**Divine Mercy Devotion:** On Wednesdays after 10am Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate in the devotion regularly or occasionally. *St Mary's Divine Mercy Group.*

**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.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Lucy Gannon**, Sarsfield Park and to the wife, family and friends of **Noel Faughnan**, Palmerstown.  
*May they rest in peace.*



Fifth Sunday of Lent



## Féileacáin

Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland

A big thank you to everyone for your kind generosity and wonderful support for our recent fundraiser, selling Shamrock plants and badges in aid of **FÉILEACÁIN**, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Association of Ireland.

We raised the fantastic sum of €4,550.00, and through your kind donations, **FÉILEACÁIN** will continue supporting families affected by the death of a baby around the time of birth.

*Thank you all so much.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 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, Sr. 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.

### Tea/Coffee:

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

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil 6:30pm,

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

**All Masses will be livestreamed on**

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

### 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 1 hour.**

### Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

### Legion of Mary:

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

### Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

### Wednesdays tea/coffee morning:

There is a cup of tea/ and a slice of cake **after 9.15am Mass every Wednesday** in the St. John Paul II Room (room with tables and chairs to the right of the porch at the main Church entrance).

*All are most welcome.*

### Bingo:

Bingo 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?



**St. Vincent de Paul  
Annual**

**SUNSHINE**

Collection at all Masses **NEXT  
Saturday/ Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

This collection funds holidays for disadvantaged children in Balbriggan.

*Many thanks for your generosity.*



**Medjugorje Mass 2023  
St Mary Church, Lucan**

Next Mass - **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Mass at 6.15pm**

Rosary and Confessions at 5.45pm  
Facebook Medjugorje mass lucan

## Anniversaries

### ANNA CARTON

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – 27<sup>th</sup> March

Late of Hillcrest View.

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure

*Sadly missed by her loving husband Liam, sons*

*Mark and Shane, daughter Tara, family and*

*friends*

**Anniversary Mass for Anna on 26<sup>th</sup> March at 12:00 in St. Patrick's, Esker.**

### JIMMY EIFFE

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Forever in our hearts and never forgotten

Remembering you today and always.

*Your loving son Viv and Joanne xx*

Also remembering Ma (**Breda**) xx

### BETTY FALLON

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary – 28<sup>th</sup> March

A loving nature, a heart of gold

The very best this world could hold

Never selfish, always kind

Those are the memories you left behind

A silent thought, a quiet prayer

For a special mother in God's care.

*Sadly missed and loved by your daughters*

*Catherine, Liz and Mary, son Gabriel,*

*grandchildren and great grandchildren*

**Anniversary Mass Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church, Esker.**

### DERCK GALLAGHER

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 30<sup>th</sup> March

Happy times we spent together

Memories that will last forever

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us every day.

**Derck's Mass at 10.30am on Sunday**

**26<sup>th</sup> March in St. Mary's.**

### LIAM HARRISON

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Esker Lawns.

In our thoughts every day

Gone and forever missed.

The best Dad and friend

That any daughter could ever have.

*Love always Ruth, your wife Anna, son-in-law*

*Mick and light of your life Ajay Liam Fitzpatrick*



### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

To have you for a wife

Was cause enough for pride

No-one could be your equal

However much they tried

I lost a wife in a million;

I loved her to the end

I lost two precious things that day

My wife and my best friend.

*Always remembered by her loving husband*

*Michael*

### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

If roses grow in Heaven Lord

Please pick a bunch for us

Place them in our Mother's arms

And tell her they are from us

Tell her we love and miss her

And when she turns to smile

Place a kiss upon her cheek

And hold her for a while

Because remembering her is easy

We do it every day

But there is an ache within our hearts

That will never go away.

*Always remembered by her loving daughters*

*Michelle and Marion, sons-in-law Ronan and*

*Gary, grandchildren Barry and his wife Faye,*

*Andrew, Hannah, and Lucy, great-grandchildren*

*Sophia, Briain, Ben and Elora Rose*

### MAUREEN (DOBBS) LITTLE

We can picture you like a photograph

We can see your smile and hear your laugh

We don't need to look back, we remember you

You can ask the sun, the moon, the stars

Every day that goes by, we remember you.

*Always remembered by her loving sisters and*

*brothers, Patty, Margaret, Vera, Phil, John,*

*Christy, George and Martin*



## Birthday Remembrance

### DECLAN KANE

#### 58<sup>th</sup> Birthday – 28<sup>th</sup> March

Birthday remembrance of our son Declan.

A birthday wish for you today

And not a card in the usual way

But written with love in a cloud above

And sent to you with all our love.

*Never forgotten by his Mam, sisters Susan and*

*Aideen, nephews, nieces and brother-in-law*





**St. Patrick** was certainly looking down on Lucan on Friday last, and just in time for the parade, he banished the rain!

We were treated to a great spectacle of colour and excitement, and the diversity of Lucan was

very much in evidence, as people from all corners of the world took part.

Congratulations and well done to the organising committee, on another great parade!

**You can take this lady out of Ireland but you can't take Ireland out of this lady!**



May Sargent celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Perth - she left Ireland for Oz in the early 1950's. As an aunt of one of the founding members of our local parade, she keeps an eye on the annual event. Her niece, Barbara Cummins tells us that this spritely lady will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday this coming August. Doesn't she look well!

**14<sup>th</sup> Happiest Nation in the world!** That's us in Ireland. Finland is number 1 again this year! Must be all that snow and darkness. Funny how the cold weather doesn't do it for us!

**Clocks spring forward this weekend**  
– an hour less in bed on Sunday!



**Spring is sprung!** We won't say it too loudly just in case, but the pretty Wood Anemone in Lucan Demesne and St. Catherine's is spreading its

carpet these days .....



*Future Dubs Stars in this year's Parade!*

**Six Nations Women's Rugby** kicks off this weekend, and Lucan has a special interest in the Irish team – Full Back, **Molly Scuffil McCabe**, who was interviewed on *Morning Ireland* this week, is a rising star and features on this year's panel.



A past-pupil of Lucan Community College, the Lucan woman credits her former teacher and Ireland Captain, Fiona Coughlan, with steering her in the direction of Rugby.

We wish Molly every success as Ireland travel to Wales on Saturday, for the first game in this year's competition.

Everyone in Lucan is rooting for Molly!

## Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

### Awards:



Grand Marshals Prize - Little Blue Heroes  
Peter Brady Perpetual Cup Best in Parade - 23rd  
Lucan & 142nd Esker Scouts  
Paddy Kenny Perpetual Trophy Best Turned out  
Group - Lucan Sarsfield GAA  
Best Commercial Entr - Remi The Handyman  
Muintir Na Tire best youth entry - Arthur Griffith  
Park FC  
Best Performance - Lucan Gospel Choir  
Best Individual Entry - Walter & Emma Kilcullen  
Most Energetic - Lucan BMX  
Most Colourful - Chinese Community  
Most Entertaining - Stagg Cycles & Lucan  
Cycling Club

Our Grand Marshal for 2023 was the wonderful actor and musician, Sorcha Furlong, a very popular Grand Marshal. She was in great demand during the day standing in for photos at the assembly point in Hillcrest and at the review stand in the village, and most important judging the parade entries. The Little Blue Heroes won the Grand Marshal prize having wowed both Sorcha and the crowd. The Little Blue Heroes are Maisie Crossan, Dylan Lester, Amelia Somers, Issacc Keenan, and Aoife McQuillan. These honorary Gardai all live in Lucan and are attached to Lucan Garda Station with their Garda buddies Garda Anne Gabbett & Garda Donagh Hanrahan and all their colleagues in Lucan Garda Station.



The Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee is a volunteer led non-profit community organisation. The parade committee are:  
Organiser Caroline Brady P.C. Committee  
Members: Sanjeeb Barik, Joseph Brady, Richard Casley, Samantha Cummins, Denise Edwards, Aedan O'Duil, Bernice Farrelly, Emma Kirwan, Leighann Spollen, Marcin Witoski, SDCC

Community Dept, and the Community Guards  
Lucan Station.



We ran two competitions 1) a painting competition with the primary schools winners announced on our FaceBook page, and 2) a Create a Go Kart competition with the Transition Year Students in the Secondary Schools judging and winners will be announced in May at the Transition Year Graduation.

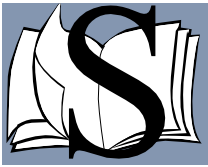


Thank you to Toner Transport who supply the Review Stand, Joe Keegan for DJ & PA System, and Print & Promotions for the Sound System. The Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade is grateful to South Dublin County Council who provide a grant for the parade, the SDCC Parks Department who help us with barriers and clean up after the parade, and to the Lucan Traders who sponsor the parade.



Thank you to Lucan An Garda Síochána for their support and a big thank you to the Little Blue Heroes who are on duty today with their Garda buddies.





## CHOOOL NEWS



### Lucan Community College

#### Trip to the US Ambassador's Residence

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, our 5th and 6th Year History and Politics students visited the residence of the US Ambassador Claire Cronin in Phoenix Park. We would like to thank Ambassador Claire Cronin for the warm welcome and informative tour & discussion. A great morning was enjoyed by all!



#### U16 Footballers head for Final!

Lucan are through to the under 16 football final after a resounding 3-18 to 0-12 points win against Scoil Chaitriona from Mobhi Road.

Lucan played against a stiff breeze in the first half but went in 1 point up at HT 1-07 to 0-09.

With the aid the breeze in the 2nd half Lucan pulled away scoring the last 1-6 without reply to run out 15 points victors. Lucan CC will play Colaiste Eanna from Rathfarnham. Many thanks to Mr Callaghan and Mr McGowan for all of their hard work with the team!



#### Victory for U15 Girls Soccer Team!

Well done to the U15 ladies soccer team who won the regional final on Monday. The girls had a fantastic 7-0 win against Blessington Community College, with goals coming from Reka Kiss Kallo (2), Holly Enright (1), Ciara Hylands (2) and finally Ella McGrath who scored a hat-trick!



#### Easter Raffle

The annual Parents' Association Easter Raffle will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup>. It is an online raffle with many fantastic prizes to be won! Please see T&C's on our school website: [www.lucancc.ie](http://www.lucancc.ie)



#### Lucan CC Student Debuts for Ireland!

Congratulations to third year student Charles Akinrintayo on his hugely successful debut for Ireland U15 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Charles is

named to play on the U15 squad for Thursday's friendly against Latvia. Best of Luck Charles!

*(Photo courtesy of Football Ireland)*



## St. Joseph's College

**Senior Hockey:** Well done to our Senior Hockey team who won their semi-final on Monday against Malahide. In what was a close hard-fought game the girls came out victorious in a 2-1 win. Well done to all the players and management team and we wish them the best of luck in the final.

**Senior Concern Debating:** Best of luck to our Senior Concern Debating team who are competing against the High School, Rathgar in the last 8 of the Concern Debating competition on Tuesday next. This round of the competition is live and it will take place in Camden Street. We wish them all the best of luck.



**Junior Camogie:** Our Junior camogie team were in action on Tuesday again when they faced a very strong Colaiste Iosagain team. Unfortunately the result didn't go their way on this occasion but they tried hard right until the end.

**Junior Football:** Well done to our Junior football team who reached the Dublin quarter final on Wednesday when they faced Castleknock. Unfortunately they lost out to a very strong Castleknock team.



**Home Economic Practical's:** Best of luck to all our Junior Cycle students who begin their Home economic practical's this week. They will continue over the next two weeks in the school. The students cook a number of dishes and are marked on not only the taste but also their presentation skills and cleanliness.

**Voice of Poetry Competition:** On Tuesday to mark world poetry day the English department held their annual first year poetry competition. This gave the first-year students the opportunity to create their own poem and read it aloud. Well done to everyone who took part.

**Bronze and Silver Gaisce:** On Thursday and Friday this week a group of over 100 students from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year make their way to Glendalough to complete over 30 kilometres of hiking across the Wicklow mountains.

**Incoming First Year Information Night:** The school will hold a first-year information night for incoming first year parents on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.

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## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Hurling:** Hard luck to our senior hurling team who were beaten 2-21 to 1-16 by Coláiste na Trócaire Rathkeale in the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Hurling “D” Final last Thursday. The match was held in the LOETB Centre of Excellence in Portlaoise with a crowd of over 450 in attendance. The panel got a wonderful send-off from the school as they departed for Portlaoise on Thursday with 100s of students lined up in the corridors applauding and cheering their latest sporting heroes out onto the team bus. The only pre-match negative for the team was the absence of the influential forward Conor Dillion who suffered concussion on Wednesday evening whilst training with the u16 Dublin squad.

Playing with the aid of the wind in the 1<sup>st</sup> half, Lucan made a blistering start to the game as they opened up a 1-01 to 0-0 lead after just 2mins with Eoin Kilduff scoring a great goal and Darragh Lyons knocking over a superb point from distance. Joseph Dunne was very efficient with his free taking as he scored 0-7 in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. Lucan opened up a 1-11 to 0-9 lead at half time but within 3 mins of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Rathkeale had levelled proceedings as they knocked over a quick-fire 1-02 without reply. At this stage, the Limerick team were visibly growing in confidence as they took advantage of the strengthening wind to great effect. Points from Darragh Lyons, Liam Garrigan and Patrick Ryan helped stem the flow somewhat but Rathkeale scored a vital 2<sup>nd</sup> goal with 15mins remaining to open up a decisive 4 point lead. Killian Costello and Darragh Lyons pointed to bring the team within a goal (2-16 to 1-16) but the Limerick team finished very strongly to knock over the final 5 points of the game to break Lucan hearts.

The team can be extremely proud of their performances this season and they have been incredible ambassadors for the school, both on and off the pitch, throughout their historic campaign.

**Basketball:** Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr basketball team who won the East Boys Region Final on Tuesday in the most dramatic style possible with the winning basket coming right on the final buzzer! The match was played at the Oblate Basketball Hall in Inchicore, with Le Chéile, Tyrrelstown Lucan’s opponents in the Final. Le Chéile lead 12-8 at the end of a very high quality 1<sup>st</sup> half and they extended their lead to 22-15 mid-way through the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-4 with McKenzie Knowles, Noah Dolan and Lewis Adjinaokou getting the Lucan scores.



McKenzie and Ciarán O’ Sullivan scored further baskets but they were matched by Le Chéile who maintained their 7 point advantage at half time as they led 26-19.

Le Chéile went 32-24 in front early on in the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-4 but 3 stunning 3 pointers from Lewis and 2 rebound baskets from Aaron saw Lucan close to within 2 points of their opponents who led 34-32 at this stage.

Le Chéile extended their lead to 38-32 early in the final 1-4 before Lucan closed to within 2 points again thanks to 2 baskets from the impressive Aaron and 4 more points from Lewis. Le Chéile led 42-40 with just 42 secs left when Ciarán scored a brilliant basket to level the scores for the 1st time since the 1<sup>st</sup> 1-4. With just 8 secs remaining, Lewis gained possession and carried the ball forward at pace and passed to the unmarked Ciarán O’ Sullivan out wide. With 3 secs now remaining, Ciarán looked once at the basket, composed himself and went for glory as the entire hall held their breath! His placement was sublime as the ball went into the basket without even touching the rim for a cherished three points, just as the final buzzer went! It was like a scene from a Hollywood movie! The entire panel of players raced over to Ciarán to celebrate an incredible moment of jubilation and ecstasy on court as their dejected opponents slumped to the floor in despair.

The team will now compete in the one-day All-Ireland series in late April as Regional Champions so their remarkable season could yet have one final glorious chapter in it.

**Gaeilge:** Bhí a lán imeachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar siúl ar fud na scoile an tseachtain seo caite chun Seachtain na Gaeilge a cheilúradh. Bhí comórtais postaeir, tráth na gceist, cluichí biongó, toraíocht taisce, searáidí, gearrscánáin, drámaíocht, ról-imirt, díospóireachtaí agus amhráin Gaeilge ar siúl ins na ranganna Gaeilge agus bhí spraoi ag gach duine a ghlac páirt sna h-imeachtaí.





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**St Patricks' Day Parade:** Buíochas mór to the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee for organising a spectacular parade last Friday and for delivering such an electric atmosphere in the village.

**Community Centre Funding:** Supporting the management capacity and running costs in our Community Centres was one of the things I secured in the Council Budget.

I'm pleased that over €75,000 of this fund is being made available across Ballyowen Community Centre, Earlsfort Residents' Centre and Adamstown Community Centre.

**Road markings:** Over the past few weeks, I have reported road markings that need to be repainted, including in Earlsfort estate, at the entrance to Westbury estate and at the Hermitage Clinic roundabout. If you see yellow boxes or road markings that require attention, let me know.

**Ramadan Mubarak:** Wishing a peaceful month of Ramadan which begins this week to all Muslim members of our community.

## Joanna Tuffy – Labour

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### Upcoming Lucan Area Committee Meeting:

The March meeting is this Tuesday 28th from 3pm to 6pm (possibly finishing earlier). It will be webcast live at [sdcc.public-i.tv](http://sdcc.public-i.tv). One of the items I have on the agenda is a follow up to my motion that in light of reports that the remains of Patrick Sarsfield, first Earl of Lucan, have been located at Huy, Belgium, that the Council would prepare to make the case that if his remains are repatriated to Ireland, it should be to Lucan. At this month's meeting I have asked the Library Service for an outline of the documentation it has access to in respect of Patrick Sarsfield and his links to Lucan. Other matters that I have on the agenda of the meeting include a question seeking an update on negotiations between the Council and the Italian Embassy to have the wall at the Lucan Road fixed. I will post the replies on my Facebook Page [@joannatuffylabour](https://www.facebook.com/joannatuffylabour)

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**Bualadh Bos Mór – St Patrick's Day:** Huge efforts were made toward several very successful local parades including Lucan, Palmerstown and Clondalkin. Well done to all the organising committees, volunteers, and very talented participants in last week St Patrick's Day festivities. Thanks to the members of An Garda Síochana for their traffic management plans and to South Dublin County Council for assisted funding.

**Hillcrest – Local News Leaflet:** Earlier this week, the local Sinn Féin team and I delivered an newsletter update to residents covering a number of issues I've worked on, and some information on local projects being progressed by the council with input from councillors.

### Newcastle Road/Adamstown – New Bins:

Several residents have raised the need for additional litter bins in Lucan – more specifically on the Newcastle Road and within Adamstown. I have submitted an official request for some new bins to be located at suggested strategic locations of high footfall.

## Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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### Congrats to the St. Patrick's Day Committee:

A HUGE congratulations to the organising committee of the Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade. They received a €5,000 grant from South Dublin to put on the parade, but it wouldn't have been possible without them, the local businesses who contributed towards it, all the fantastic floats and marchers who participated and everyone who turned out, in their green, to cheer them on. Well done to all involved and congrats to the winning floats.

**Investing in Lucan Community Centres:** Lucan Community Centres received over €60,000 in funding under the new Community Centre Management Support Fund introduced by Fine Gael in Government. Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre was awarded €21,900 while Adamstown Youth and Community Centre will receive €41,200.

## Gino Kenny TD- People Before Profit

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### Extend the Eviction Ban Public Meeting:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7pm Adamstown Community Centre. Speakers Gino Kenny TD and Cllr Madeleine Johansson. All Welcome.

## Letter to Councillors

Dear Councillors O'Brien, Casserly, Gogarty, O'Toole, Ó Bradaigh and Tuffy,



I would like to draw your attention to a situation which I have been concerned about for some time. So much so that the problem has now become, in my view, a very difficult and hazardous situation for pedestrians.

On Millstream Road (at the junction with Woodview Heights, Dodsboro Road) heading down towards the R835 it has become almost impossible to walk down on either side without the risk of slipping on the pavement due to wet fallen leaves and debris from the surrounding trees and shrubbery.

Over the years the falling debris from the trees and shrubbery on the footpath has never been cleared, so it has just piled up. When the grass on the verge is cut, the excess grass is never cleared up! With the result, the pavement is narrowing in places, and, leaving little more than about 2 feet of footpath left to walk on. And this too can be covered in leaves and other organic material. During wet or icy weather, when left to pile up, it can be lethal to walk down the hill.

As I'm sure you are all aware, when these fallen leaves/debris and organic material become wet, or have started to decay, it can create obscure slips on the ground. These risks occur in two ways, they hide any hazard that may be on the path i.e., pavement cracks, potholes etc., or they themselves create a slip risk to the public possibly causing serious injury.

I believe that it is the duty of South Dublin County Council to see to it that these fallen leaves and debris do not become harmful to anyone using the footpath on Millstream Road. It needs a radical clean up. And kept that way. SDCC website states "Ensuring that rubbish and other debris such as leaves and grit are removed from the pavement"

As a 68 yr. old pensioner with Osteoporosis living in the area I dread to think what could happen should I be that unfortunate person who slips and falls on the pavement on Millstream Road.

Might I suggest you take a walk down and see for yourself? It really does need attention.

I look forward to and wait in anticipation of your comments and feedback via the Lucan Newsletter.

*Yours truly - A very concerned resident*

*(Name and address with Lucan Newsletter)*



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### Well done to Abby Sheils and Daire Newcombe

who contributed to the County at the week-end with some strong performances for their county.

### Go Ahead AFL1, 19/03/2023, Lucan Sarsfields 2.10 - Skerries Harps 2.07.

Next up for Lucan is a home game against All-Ireland winners Kilmacud Crokes in a rearranged match on Wed 29th March in the 12th Lock. Hopefully there will be plenty of home support as the team put there 100% record on the line against the Dublin and All-Ireland Champions.



### 19/03/2023, 12th Lock, AFL6, Lucan 2-16 v 5-07 R Towers (L).

**Panel and Scorers:** A Norton, M Young, D Mescall, J O'Toole, N Murray, S Keher, C Sheary, O Nolan 1-0 (45), J Finn, D Brosnan, T Bradley, L Butler (0-2), T Brennan (0-8), D Walsh (1-1), J Delmar (0-4), B Kavanagh (0-1), N Moran, C Gaire, S Murray, P Carroll, A Dunne, C Downes, D Lawlor.

### Juvenile/Coiste na nÓg – U12 LGF

Two of the U12 ladies football teams got a match in this weekend. They travelled over to Stillorgan on a very wet Saturday afternoon to play Kilmacud Crokes. The rain poured down for our warm-up but gradually eased and stayed dry then for most of the match. After missing their matches last weekend and their training session during the week the girls were delighted to be playing football. Both teams played very well and you could see the improvement as the game proceeded and the team work became apparent. We got a lovely reception from the mentors and U12 girls from Kilmacud Crokes and we look forward to welcoming them to Lucan Sarsfields later on this year. Big thank you to all our parents for their continued support and for all the encouragement they give the girls.



### St. Patricks Day Festival

A great turnout by all at our parade, thanks to all the mentors, players, Dads and Moms who took part it was a fantastic atmosphere. Most returned to the Clubhouse where music was provided by Doinse and the function room hosted face painters, a magic show and a disco.

### Dioscó Biongó

Saturday night saw disco bingo tri Gaeilge in a well organised and supported event by the local companies giving a prize fund of 250euro.

**Lotto** No Winner of last week's Lotto Prize of €15,400. The Numbers were **4, 5, 20, 26.**

The 5 lucky dip prizes go to, Adam Rooney, Con & Charlie McCaffery, Aoife McKelvey, Benny Dolan and Willie Garbutt.

Next week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of **€15,800.** The draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Séamus Clandillon.



**Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club** are hosting a major club fund-raising 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! <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.





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## Oíche Shóisialta



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## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Well despite the prophets of doom in the meteorological service the weather in Lucan at the time of the St. Patrick's Day Parade was not too bad. Naturally we have some photographs of very colourful participants submitted by Frances.



Conor continued to excel in his photography of the wild life that is around us and also submitted photographs of Leixlip Castle.



Josie submitted photographs of her snow-covered garden following the light fall of snow a little over a week ago.



Donal demonstrated his prowess in controlling the shutter speed of his camera by submitting photos of fast-moving trains on the railway track alongside the bank of the Royal Canal.

Construction of the Royal Canal began in 1790. Twenty-seven years later, in 1817, it reached the Shannon River. The Duke of Leinster, a board member, insisted that the new waterway take in his local town of Maynooth. This demand meant that the builders had

to deviate from the planned route and necessitated the construction of a 'deep sinking' between Blanchardstown and Clonsilla. A "sinking" is a section of a canal which is cut through the land to maintain the same level so there's no need to use locks. In the "deep sinking" of the Royal Canal the towpath is up to 9 meters above the water. The diversion also called for the building of the Ryewater Aqueduct, at Leixlip. The Royal Canal was built in direct competition with the Grand Canal.

*Until next week stay safe!*