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Sunday 31st March 2024

Easter 2024

When we view the TV News or open our newspapers during these days we find ourselves confronted with stories of war, terror and violence. It would seem that darkness stalks many troubled places on our planet. There is hardly a day that passes when we fail to hear of some new atrocity, and witness on our screens the most appalling acts of cruelty inflicting suffering on the innocent. Images of bombed out cities, wounded civilians, and now even starving children have become commonplace. How do we even begin to feel any Easter Joy and sense of celebration surrounded by such terrible events?

Even in the times when Jesus lived and moved among his people there was injustice, violence and oppression. He himself was to experience it first hand as he poured out his life's blood on the cross. It was into the midst of such a broken world that Jesus came, bearing news of a different path, a path that could break the cycle of suffering and death and open a gateway to new life; the path of love.

When his disciples witnessed the events of Good Friday they ran away, and that's hardly surprising. All seemed to have ended in tears. Here was the one in whom they had placed such hope and trust now ending his life like a criminal on a Roman Cross.

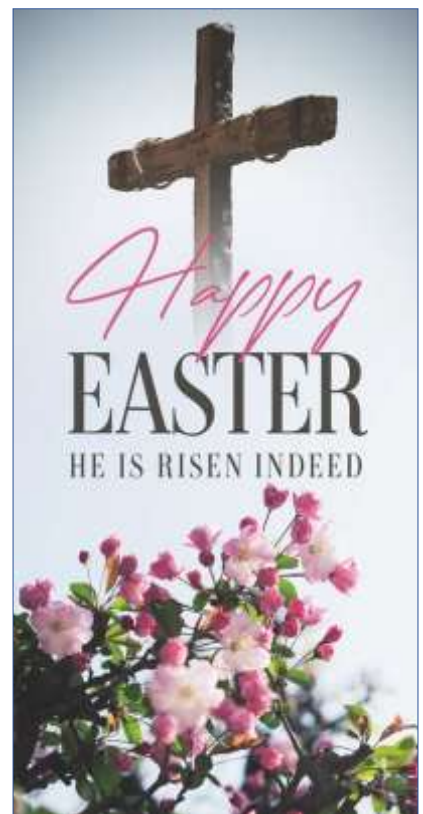
If that had been the end of the Jesus story it would indeed have been a disaster, but we are viewing these events from the other side, so to speak. We know that rather than being the end of the story it in fact is the prologue to a new beginning.

The Risen Jesus comes to us as we are, into our broken and messed up world; but more importantly, he comes to us *as he is*- transformed, resurrected, filled with the glory that makes possible for us a new and glorious eternal life. The despair of Good Friday yields to the hope of that glorious Easter morn. The darkness has been overcome by the light that could not be extinguished.

Our call is to be bearers of the light, and beacons of hope, in our troubled world. We all feel the temptation to despair, but as people of the resurrection we are called to witness to the ultimate triumph of love and never to lose heart. May we seek to embody that love in every small way that we can, thus lighting a candle, rather than cursing the darkness.

Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia

*Philip Curran,
St. Mary's & St. Patrick's 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

Helplines

Women's Aid - 24 hour helpline – 1800 341 900

Men's Aid – National helpline free phone- 01 5543811

Email – Hello@mensaid.ie – 9 am to 5 pm

Gamblers Anonymous - 01 – 8721133, 087 2622804, email info@gamblersanonymous.ie

Childline – free phone 1800 66 66 66

Pieta House – free phone 24/7 crisis helpline – 1800 247 247

Aware - free phone 1800 80 48 48

Prescribed drugs and medicines

How do I get a prescription?

If you need specific drugs and medicines, certain healthcare professionals (such as a GP, consultant, dentist, or nurse) can give you a prescription for them.

A nurse must be employed by a health service provider to be able to give you a prescription.

Nurses can only prescribe drugs and medicines relevant to the area they work in.

How long is my prescription valid for?

If your prescription was issued before 1 March 2024, it is only valid for a maximum of 6 months. From 1 March 2024, you may get a prescription that is valid for up to 12 months.

Can my prescription be extended?

If your prescription was issued before 1 March 2024, your prescription is valid for a maximum of 6 months. If safe and appropriate, pharmacists may extend prescriptions for up to 3 months.

If your 6-month prescription is dated 1 March 2024 or later, a pharmacist may extend the prescription to 12 months in total. You can request an extension from your pharmacist when your 6-month prescription is due to end. This means you may not need a GP visit for a repeat prescription.

However, only 6-month prescriptions written after 1 March 2024 are eligible for extension by a pharmacist – prescriptions written for other periods of time cannot be extended by a pharmacist.

Prescriptions will not be automatically extended. Pharmacists will use their clinical judgement to decide if it is safe to extend a prescription, and certain medications are not eligible for extension.

Are there any schemes for free or subsidised medications?

If you have a medical card, drugs and medicines prescribed for you are discounted. You will still need to pay some prescription charges.

If you have a condition covered by the Long Term Illness Scheme, you can get free drugs, medicines, and medical and surgical appliances for the treatment of that condition.

If you contracted Hepatitis C directly or indirectly through the administration of blood products or transfusions, you can get drugs and medicines using the Health Amendment Act Card.

If you are not eligible for any of the schemes listed above and do not have a medical card, you can register for the Drug Payment Scheme which limits the monthly cost of prescriptions.

You can also claim tax relief on medical expenses for prescribed drugs and medicines.

Read more about prescribed drugs and medicines on <https://bit.ly/PrescribedDrugsMedicines> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).



Lucan Drama

As we in Lucan Drama continue to prepare for our upcoming One Act plays we are also looking forward to our upcoming Drama Workshop for Lucan Drama members at Weston Aerodrome.

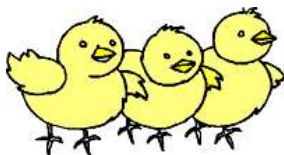


Everyone is looking forward to a day of fun and learning under the guidance of our own Brian Whitney.

We would like to thank Weston Aerodrome for providing us with the use of their marvellous facilities.

More updates on our One Acts to follow.....

Bringing drama to your doorstep.



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 4th April 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 4th April 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, April 4th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Lucan Lions Club

Easter Raffle at SuperValu:

Just a reminder that thanks to the sponsorship of SuperValu we will have an Easter Raffle in the SV store over the Easter period. Tickets for 6 luxurious Easter Hampers will be on sale in the store from 28 to 30 March. The draw will take place on 30 March and winners will be notified on the day. As usual, we look forward to the support of loyal SV customers over this period.



New Members: If you are interested in joining the Lucan Lions Club, a registered Charity for over 35 years in Lucan, we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 8.00pm in the Lucan Spa Hotel. If interested, potential new members can contact the undersigned.

Newsletter: Wishing a Happy Easter to all the Lucan Newsletter staff and thanks for your help and support throughout the year in publicising our activities.

Mattie McCabe, PRO

087 9006999. www.lucanlionsclub.com

Lucan ICA

Monday 1st April: We will not be open for Crafts as it is Bank Holiday Easter Monday.

We will be back as usual on

Monday 8th.

Tea Hostesses: Ann Byrne and Nuala Corbett.



Saturday 6th April: Blanchardstown Craft Day 11 am – 4pm. 3 members attending doing Calico Gardens Embroidery.

Monday 8th April: 4 members are going to An Grianán for Handcraft Week, our annual chance to learn new crafts, attend demonstrations and meet ladies from all over Ireland including members of the Women's Institute from Northern Ireland. Have a great week Ladies, and bring back new ideas to our Guild.



We wish all our members a very enjoyable Easter with nice weather. Don't overdo the chocolate eggs!

Thank you to all the ladies who donated generously to Margaret Hynes' Daffodil Day Collection.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Good Friday: 3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion; this includes Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

8pm: Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday:

Confessions: 11am to 12 noon and 2 to 4pm

9pm: Easter Vigil - We light the outdoor fire, distribute the light from the Easter Candle, renew our Baptismal promises and join in the Easter Alleluia!

Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.



Easter Sunday:

Masses: **9am, 10.30am, and 12 noon.**

No Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Weekday Masses: Monday – Saturday: 10am

All Services will be live-streamed on

www.lucanparish.com

Fr Philip, Fr Ubaldo, Fr Pius and Fr Samuel together with Sr. Geraldine, our Pastoral Sister and Cathy, our Parish Catechist join with the Parish Pastoral Council in wishing all our parishioners every Blessing and Joy of the Easter Season 2024.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster April 2024: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of April 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: There will be NO meditation meeting this Tuesday. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April.

Happy and Blessed Easter to everyone. Keep on praying.

Sr Geraldine.



Divine Mercy Sunday – (Feast of Mercy 1st April):

On this day of special grace and consolation for the whole world, Our Lord told St. Faustina it is a day of refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners, no matter how in need of forgiveness they are. He will pour out His infinite Mercy on all who will go to confession, resolve to avoid sin, be in a state of grace, receive Holy Communion on the Feast, and commit to being merciful to others in word, act, or deed.

Our Lord pours out His infinite Mercy and complete forgiveness of sin and need for atonement, so that were we to die having received these graces, our souls would be ready for Heaven, as if we had just been baptised.



Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Derek Maher*, Clonee Road, Lucan. *May he rest in peace.*

Ecumenical Way of the Cross - Good

Friday 12pm: Departing St Mary's processing to Lucan Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Ireland Churches.



Divine Mercy Tridium

'Blessed are the Merciful'

Friday 5th April 2024

at 8pm
Holy Mass & Divine Mercy
Novena Prayer
Celebrant: Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 6th April 2024

at 6pm
Holy Mass & Divine Mercy
Novena Prayer
Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 7th April 2024

2.00pm Divine Mercy
Devotions
Priests available for confession
3.00pm Prayers
3.30pm. Holy Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Eamonn Walsh
Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with Relics of St Faustina



**Church of Divine Mercy
Lucan South - Balgaddy**

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

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Good Friday:

12pm: Stations of the Cross for children
3pm: Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.
8pm: Stations of the Cross.

Holy Saturday:

9pm: Easter Vigil

We light the outdoor fire, distribute the light from the Easter Candle, renew our Baptismal promises and join in the Easter Alleluia!
Do come and join us for this joyous celebration.

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Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

All Services will be live-streamed at
stpatrickslucan.ie

**Lucan
FAITH FEST**
Praise | Worship | Fun
APRIL 6TH 2024
10 am - 4 pm

Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan, K78 NH05

www.lucansouthparish.net [dmc.youth](https://www.instagram.com/dmc.youth)

*Fr Philip, Fr John,
Fr Ubaldo, Fr Pius,
Fr Samuel and Cathy, our
Parish Catechist join with the
Parish Pastoral Council in
wishing all our parishioners
every Blessing and Joy of the
Easter Season 2024.*

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Good Friday:

12 noon: Stations of the Cross
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
8pm: Reading of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday:

9pm: Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday:

Masses: **10.30am and 12.15pm**

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's

**Growing our
Parishes together**

Fr. Brian Grogan S.J. is a renowned author and speaker on Spirituality and Ministry. He will be the main speaker at our Day celebrating the Service of our parishes by all our willing volunteers.

The day offers an opportunity to pray, reflect, and share on the challenges posed by the changing circumstances of the church in Ireland.

All Parish Volunteers are invited.

WHERE? - THE SPA HOTEL, LUCAN
WHEN? - SATURDAY APRIL 13TH 11:00AM-2:00PM
(CONCLUDING WITH LIGHT LUNCH)
PRE-REGISTER ON: WWW.LUCANPARISH.COM

Acknowledgements

PADDY CALLANAN

On behalf of the family, Martin, Caitriona, John and myself, I would like to express our appreciation to all those who sympathised and supported us following Paddy's recent death.

To Fr. Philip for celebrating his Funeral Mass, to the Funeral Team for assisting us with the Liturgy and prayers. To Cunningham's Funeral Directors for their professional help. To those who attended the Funeral and to the carers who looked after Paddy during his long illness.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.
Margaret Callanan



KATHLEEN O'KANE R.I.P.

The O'Kane Family would like to say a sincere thank you for all your prayers, sympathies and kindness, following the recent passing of Kathleen, an adored wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, friend and neighbour.

To Sr. Geraldine, thank you for assisting with the Liturgy and prayers at home. To Fr. Philip, thank you for your support and kind words. For all who attended the house and Funeral, who sent their condolences and cards and to our neighbours and friends, thank you all for your support at such a difficult time.

A Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Kathleen's Month's Mind Mass will be on Sunday 7th April at 12pm in St. Mary's Church, Lucan.

Anniversaries

DEREK GALLAGHER

8th Anniversary - 30th March

Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words
And missed beyond measure.

Missed by all the family

Derek's Mass at 12pm in St. Mary's on Easter Sunday, 31st March.



JIMMY EIFFE

7th Anniversary - 28th March

They say don't look back
But with memories we do
As that's my way to remember you
The memories, the laughs
The chat and the 'Craic'
Yes it would be good to have you back
But thankfully the memories I keep in my heart
Is my guarantee we're never apart
'Memories are like Rainbows
When they come out we smile'.
Sadly missed by your loving son Viv and Joanne
Also remembering Ma (**Breda**) xx

FALLON (BETTY)

2nd Anniversary - 28th March

If we could visit Heaven on this our saddest day
Maybe for a moment our pain would go away
We'd put our arms around you
And whisper words so true
That living life without you is so very hard to do
We cannot bring the old days back
When we were all together
But loving thoughts and memories
Will stay with us forever.
*Sadly missed and loved by your daughters
Catherine, Liz and Mary, son Gabriel,
grandchildren and great grandchildren*

LIAM HARRISON

5th Anniversary - 28th March

ANNA HARRISON

1st Anniversary - 7th April

Esker Lawns, Lucan.
Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there, I do not sleep
I am a thousand winds that blow
I am the diamond glints on snow
I am the sunlight on ripened grain
I am the gentle autumn's rain
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight
I am the soft stars that shine at night
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there, I did not die.
*Loved and missed every day. Remembering you
both always, Ruth, Mick and Ajay*

KITTY BRADY

16th Anniversary – 31st March

Also remembering my dear friend **Yvonne Carwood** and my brother **Christy**.
You've wandered down the lane and far away
Just leaving beautiful memories.
Love always, Joe

JOHN KILDUFF

40th Anniversary – 31st March

In loving memory of our dear father, **John (Jack)**.
"Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever"
Remembered by all the family



DAN ROGERS

2nd Anniversary – 2nd April

Late Woodview Heights.
Much loved husband, dad, step-dad and grandad.
Loved with a loved beyond all telling
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.
Those we love don't go away
Dan, you walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Your memories and love are my keepsakes Dan
From which I will never part
God has you in His keeping
I will forever have you in my heart.
Missing you so much Dan
Life will never be the same without you all
Look after the kids Dan until I get there.
Love and miss you forever
My soulmate, my rock.
Your heartbroken wife, Mary xxxxxx

MARGARET WELDON

4th Anniversary – 2nd April

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 family Ann,
Larry, Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda, Kara and
families*



Happy Easter to all our Readers! Hope the Easter Bunny is good to you all.

Spring forward! Don't forget the clocks go forward this Sunday morning – an hour less in bed, but at least

we'll be waking up to nice chocolate surprises...

And one wag remarked that it will mean we'll have an hour's less rain!!!!!!

Covid Babies starting school! Heard on the radio this morning an interesting piece about the Covid Babies starting Primary School this coming September. Studies have been done on many of these little people to see how they have developed, and no doubt psychologists and the likes will be keeping an eye on them over the next few years.....

Lucan Library Easter Bank Holiday Opening Hours	
Thurs 28	OPEN
Fri 29	CLOSED
Sat 30	CLOSED
Sun 31	CLOSED
Mon 1	CLOSED
Tues 2	OPEN

Lucan Library Staff wish everyone a very happy Easter!

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who donated to Daffodil Day – to my family, friends and neighbours for their help; also to Lucan I.C.A., Kennys, Tesco and SuperValu.
We raised €7,580.00 for Cancer!

*Thank You
Margaret Hynes*



Thank You

I wish to say a Big Thank You to all my friends, neighbours and all in St. Mary's Parish Centre for Mass Bouquets, Cards, Flowers, Phone Calls, Texts.
All very much appreciated after my recent stay in hospital.

Hannah

Esker Active Retirement Association

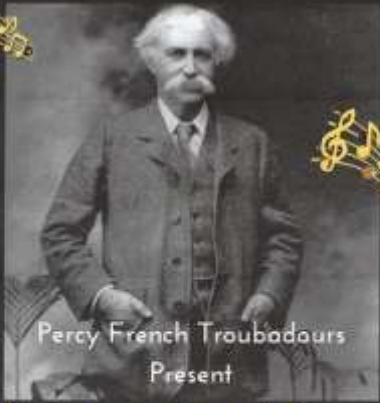
We had a wonderful 4 days in Donegal last week staying in Inisowen Gateway Hotel where we were very well looked after. We were very lucky with the weather and our coach took us all over the peninsula, enjoying the breath taking scenery. In the evenings we had great music and dancing, while others enjoyed card games and scrabble. Our next club meeting is Wednesday 3rd April in St Andrews Parish Hall at 1.30, new members welcome.



Happy Easter everyone!



In Aid of The Daughters of Charity Mission Fund



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PRESENT:**

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QUIZ NIGHT** ???



**TICKETS
€40**
(per team of 4)

TICKETS AT THE DOOR
ON THE NIGHT

Raffle & Prizes on the
night

**WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL
9PM**
Kenny's, Lucan Village

A Death Penny and a Sweetheart Silk!

Some weeks back, a gentleman made contact with Lucan Newsletter, enquiring about family connections of World War 1 soldier, Private William Graham, from Lucan.

His email read:

“William Graham private 4531, served in the Irish Guards, died 6/11/1914.

I believe I have his death penny, it has been in our home as long as I can remember, I played with it as a child; I am now 68 years old, haven't a clue how it came into our family.

I've been researching him on war records and he's the only William Graham that I can find in Dublin city suburbs, he was age 18 when he died.

Brian Tuohy, Dublin”



The Death Penny bearing William Graham's name

The Death Penny was a bronze memorial awarded to next-of-kin of service personnel killed in the First World War.



In the book *Treasures of Lucan*, there is a photograph of some Lucan soldiers of the day.

We don't know who the man on the left with the moustache is, but standing on the right is **William Lanigan** from Weir View, who served with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Enniskillen Fusiliers from 1914. He was killed in March 1918 aged 24 and is buried where he fell, on the Somme. William's brother, **John Lanigan** also served in the army and survived, returning to live in Lucan.

Jemmy Graham (*seated*), also from Weir View, and brother to William Graham, joined the Royal Irish Fusiliers in 1914 at 19 years of age and served for the duration of the war, being awarded the George V Medal for Gallantry and the Victory Medal. On his return to Lucan, Jemmy married Katherine Lanigan (*William Lanigan's sister*), and they had nine children and fifteen grandchildren. He died in 1973.

A granddaughter of Jemmy Graham's, Anne Graham, provided the photograph many years ago, and we set about putting her in contact with Brian Tuohy.

Anne was to discover that Brian also had what he thought was a scarf of some kind, perhaps connected to William. The mystery deepened, and when the two met up, Anne was overwhelmed to receive both items.

It turns out that the ‘scarf’ was a handkerchief, which a soldier would give to this sweetheart as he headed off to war. Such hankies were known as ‘*Sweetheart Silks*’, and there are several variations from those times.

Below is the silk along with William’s Death Penny.



The outer border is of shamrocks, and inside that are the flags of the nations involved in the conflict.

“It’s a long, long way to Tipperary”
..... is the verse / sheet music on this piece, and below it are the soldiers marching off to war.

The Death Penny features the name of William Graham, and the words: ***“HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR”***.

Britannia stands tall with her trident and laurel wreath, next to a roaring Lion, while a smaller lion at the very bottom, gnaws on a German flag.

Just above the Lion’s front paw are the initials of the man who designed the memorial *E.C.R.P.* Edward Carter Preston.

To date, no connection has been established between the Tuohy and Graham families. We don’t know how the Penny ended up where it did, and we can only wonder who the lady might have been, in receipt of this *Sweetheart Silk*!

One hundred and ten years on, it would be nice to solve this mystery.

Anne is intent on following up any clues that come her way, but as you can imagine, they are few and far between at this stage. Hopefully, another piece of the jigsaw will turn up somewhere.

If anyone has any ideas, or can tell us more on the subject, we’d love to hear from you. Drop a line to marylucanewsletter@gmail.com and we’ll see where it goes.....

Airfield Estate Survey on Biodiversity & Food Production

The research team at Airfield Estate, Dundrum, have created an online survey to learn more about Irish consumers' knowledge and challenges surrounding biodiversity and food choices. They are hoping to gain a diverse response to the survey, to contribute to Airfield's understanding of the Irish consumer and to support Airfield's ambition to be a sustainable food hub in a world-leading sustainable food city.

The survey is completely anonymous and should take between 10-15 minutes to complete. Your input will play an important role in helping Airfield promote a greener and more sustainable future for food. Click the link below or scan the QR code to get involved!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K2LHKW2>

The poster features the Airfield Estate logo at the top. Below it, the title 'Biodiversity and Food Research at Airfield Estate' is displayed. Two green callout boxes contain text: 'Take part in our survey! Help us learn about consumers' knowledge and attitudes of the link between biodiversity and food production' and 'Our research interns from University College Dublin and Technological University Dublin are conducting research at Airfield Estate for their end-of-year projects. Help them out by completing their survey!'. A QR code is positioned in the lower center. The background shows a house with a garden. Logos for Dublin City Council and UCD are at the bottom.



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Follow us on Facebook (Ballyowen Castle Community Centre) or on Instagram (ballyowen_community_centre)

Location: We are located beside Centric Health Ballyowen and Giraffe Childcare Ballyowen, behind Lidl in Ballyowen Shopping Centre (as you come in from Castle Road).

Happy Easter to all our users, friends and readers of the Lucan Newsletter! We will be closed on Easter Monday but reopen on Tuesday 2 April.

Lucan Records Fair: We're looking forward to hosting the next Lucan Records Fair on Sunday 7 April in the centre, from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Drop in if you can.

Volunteer Sessions:

Do you have a passion which you would love to share? Are you interested in teaching a course, organising a group, or lending a helping hand in the work of the Centre? We are looking for people interested in getting involved in different capacities and are hosting volunteer information sessions in the Centre during April.

Come along to learn more:

Tuesday, April 9th, 2pm-3pm

Thursday, April 11th, 10am-11am

Tuesday, April 16th, 7pm-8pm

If you're unable to attend those sessions, send us an email at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Room Booking:

We will be moving to an online room booking system in the coming weeks. Watch this space for further details! In the meantime, if you would like to book the main meeting hall, call us on the numbers above, or send us an email.



Anam Cara South Dublin, the organisation that

supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening, for bereaved parents on **Monday 8th April at 7:15pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not.

Cllr Derren Ó Brádaigh - Sinn Féin

Mobile: 087-2136345.

Email: do布拉daigh@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Dodsboro – Street Gullies: The Council have now acknowledged that there is a blockage between gullies along the Dodsboro Road that has led to ‘ponding’ during heavy rainfall for almost 2 years. Their intention is to now jet the affected areas between gullies.

Lucan House – Wall Repair Update: The far too long-awaited wall repair to the former Italian Ambassador’s Residence on the Leixlip Rd end of Lucan Village will finally see a contractor appointed next month. Whilst there was no specific date given, it is expected that repair works will commence after this appointment and before too much longer. The house was purchased by the Council recently.

Hayden’s Park, Rossberry & Finnstown – On the doors! The Sinn Féin team and have completed Hayden’s Park and have this week speaking to residents Rossberry and Finnstown Priory. If I can assist you, please get in touch!

Cllr. Shane Moynihan – Fianna Fáil

Email: smoynihan@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

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Ballyowen Shopping Centre: After six months, the local Area Committee received a response from the owners of Ballyowen Shopping Centre, where they have set out their plans on how to improve the environs of the centre. This was on foot of two motions I tabled requesting such an update and I am pleased to see the written commitment given by the owners to improve the look and feel of the area.

Resurfacing in Foxborough: Very happy to get confirmation at last (after a long time of chasing) that the Foxborough side of the R136 junction will be resurfaced properly. This is long overdue - thanks to all the residents who raised it with me.

Thomas Omer Way lights: Pleased to get confirmation this week that the traffic lights fault I reported at the Fonthill Road/Thomas Omer Way junction has been repaired.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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Coffee Morning: Thank you to everyone who came along to a coffee morning hosted by myself and Senator Regina Doherty. We were privileged that our incoming Taoiseach, Minister Simon Harris joined us. It was lovely to meet everyone.

Under my Cathaoirleach’s Business at this week’s area committee, I called on council management to give an update on availability for



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pitch usage in the Lucan Area for Na Gaeil Oga. I am seeking to secure a permanent playing space to support this vastly growing Irish speaking club in our area.

Canonbrook School Pedestrian Safety Update:

I’ve requested further updates on pencil bollards at the pedestrian crossing in Canonbrook. I first requested this in September 2023 and while funding is restricted, the active travel coordinator will link in with the local schools to see what can be secured to further enhance safety for our school children.

Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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New Fine Gael Leader and Incoming Taoiseach Simon Harris visits Lucan:

The new Fine Gael Leader and incoming Taoiseach, Simon Harris visited Lucan Village last Friday. Minister Harris joined us for coffee morning at Kennys organised by MEP Candidate, Senator Regina Doherty and Cllr Vicki Casserly. We had a stroll through the village, stopping by local businesses like Be Unique Beauty Salon & Academy and also called into St Andrew’s Church Daffodil Day fundraiser.

Additional Gardaí in Lucan, Ronanstown and Clondalkin:

Last week 166 new members joined An Garda Síochána, of these eight new members will be stationed in our area, Lucan (3) Ronanstown (1) and Clondalkin (4). Budget 2024 provided the highest ever allocation of €2.3 billion to An Garda Síochána, which is a 23% increase since 2020. This funding allows for the continued recruitment of between 800 and 1,000 Garda members.

Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Positive Ageing: By now you will have received my update on Housing Aid for Older People Grant from South Dublin County Council to assist with adaption works which may be necessary to allow you to remain living in your home. The grant is for people 66 years old or more to do essential repairs such as roof, upgrading electrical wiring, repair/replace windows and doors or upgrading existing central heating. It also includes details on HSE Home Supports Services. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Community Recycling: With my Colleague Emer Higgins T.D., we completed another very successful community electrical recycling for the Lucan area. These initiatives are part of our commitment to promote recycling in our community. Thank you to all those who availed of the service.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Hurling

The minor hurling season finally got going this weekend after two false starts due to the weather. We had three teams in action, all playing away from home. Our minor as went down to Ballyboden in a very entertaining encounter, but there were good wins for our minor b's over Erin go Brath and minor cs over Na Fianna. Thanks to the under 16 players and mentors for helping our three teams to field with many of the minor cohort missing due to county commitments, injuries and exams.

Juvenile

There was plenty of action this week for our juvenile teams. U13B and U15A ladies' footballers.



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.

County: Congratulations to Mia Farrell and Chloe O'Connor who were on the Dublin Intermediate camogie team who won the division 3B league over the weekend.



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.

The club has recently introduced **Honorary Life Membership**. Club Members over the age of 70, who have been members of the club for at least 20 years, can be nominated for approval by the Executive for this Membership of the club. Such nominations can be made by any full member of the club by emailing lucan.sarsfields.registrar@gmail.com

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. We are 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



We had our official launch of the event last Friday the 22nd of March in the club bar. It was a great night to meet everyone involved.

Lotto. We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,800. The Numbers were **6, 5, 17, 28.** **The lucky dip prizes** go to Lucas & Ruby Glover, Louise O'Neill, Catherine Dardis, Damien O'Brien and Ian Brogan. The draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Josephine Donohue.

SPORTS



LUCAN PITCH & PUTT CLUB

Captain's Drive In -Results

23-24 March 2024

Gents Overall Winner - Christian O'Reilly – 99Pts
Ladies Overall Winner – Sandra Keogh – 89Pts
Gents Class 1 Winner - Paul County - 86 Pts
Gents Class 2 Winner - Fergal Power - 88 Pts
Gents Class 3 Winner - Joe Murphy - 89 Pts
Ladies Class 1 Winner - Tracey Smith - 85 Pts
Ladies Class 2 Winner - Martina Tierney - 86 Pts.

Drive In. Congratulations to all who helped make our Drive In a most memorable day. We had Alex Hughes from Clondalkin Pipe Band who entertained us with both the Tin Whistle and the Pipes. Alex led out our Captains and Chairperson to the first tee where the Captain commenced our season. Our competition was sponsored by Regal Fare and thank you to them for their continued sponsorship.

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 on line 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



Fund Raiser – Michael Monahan

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our Fund Raiser for Michael Monahan - the night was a great success. It was great to see Michael and his family in the club on Saturday night.

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.

Function Room for Hire

Please note that we have a function room for hire in the evenings from circa 5pm. Contact the secretary or email info@lucanpitchandputt.com for details of same – T&C apply.



LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Tallaght A.C. 5k Annual Road Race

The Tallaght A.C. 5k Annual Road Race took place on 17th March with a total of 483 participants. 10 Lucan Harriers took part. First home for Lucan Harriers was Dylan Dooley in 17.20. First female home and age category F70 winner was Eileen O'Brien in 26.58. Josie Dignam finished in 39.45 her first sub 40 in a long time.



March 17th Mullingar Half Marathon

Meanwhile Jacek Latala did the Mullingar Half Marathon in 1.25.





Na Gaeil Óga CLG

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

Buachaillí F12 – Iomáint. Cluiche crua a bhí sa chéad chluiche iomána den séasúr maidin inné i gcoinne Chumann Uí Dhuibhir. Bhí sé intuigthe go raibh NGÓ mall leis an sliotar sa chéad leath, mar gurb é ár gcéad chluiche ar ais ar an bhféar, agus bhí sé seo le feiceáil ar chlár na scór. Scéal difriúil a bhí sa dara leath le formhór na seilbhe agus scóranna ag teacht ó NGÓ. Ar an drochuair cailleadh an cluiche ach arís bhí sárimirt, an-scileanna agus obair foirne ar taispeánt ar an bpáirc.

Cailíní F13 – Peil. Bhí an dá fhoireann ar fheabhas in aghaidh foirne ó Na Fianna agus Na Sáirséalaigh ar an Domhnach. Ba chóir dóibh go léir a bheith an-sásta leo fhéin. Scileanna agus obair foirne den chéad scoth uathu ar fad.

Buachaillí 2014 – Iomáint. Bhí maidin iontach againn inné! Bhí an ghrian ag taitneamh ach bhí sé gaofar agus fuar! D’imir na leids go crua agus bhí an-taispeantas scileanna agus spóirt curtha os ár gcomhair ag na leids. Maith sibh go léir a tháinig amach Táimid chun sos beag a thógail ó thraenáil an tseachtain seo agus beidh an bliots mór ar súil i mBré an Satharn seo chugainn - sonraí le fáil ar ClubZap!

Buachaillí F8 – Iomáint. Do bhí cluiche iomáint ag na buachaillí F8 ar an Satharn i gcoinne Naomh Marcais. Bhíodar ar fheabhas ar fad agus d’imir siad óna gcroí amach!



Buachaillí F9 – Iomáint. Maith sibh na leids ar maidin inné. Is iontach an rud é an chumarsáid agus an obair foirne ar an bpáirc a fheiceáil ag feabhsú gach seachtain. Tá siad ag fás i ndáiríre mar fhoireann. Táimid ag tógáil móiminteam le traenáil agus mar sin beidh cúpla seisiún againn le linn bhriseadh na Cásca. Is é an Satharn an 6 Aibreán an chéad chluiche eile a bheidh againn agus beidh sos againn an deireadh seachtaine seo chugainn.

POLITICAL NOTES *cont'd....*

Cllr. Paul Gogarty P.C.

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Swimming pool pricing: I had a motion down on the agenda at last Tuesday’s Area Committee meeting criticising the current prices listed on the Lucan pool and calling on SDCC to provide a subvention, as what is being earmarked for when the pool opens in no way reflects what is supposed to be a public facility. The Council did say it was in discussions with Aura Leisure with a view to reviewing the pricing structure, but no guarantees have been given and the matter will be chased up further. I will provide a further update on my website after Easter including links to the Council meeting webcast.

Latest Video updates online: There’s detailed information on over 30 different issues in my March video updates (Parts 1 and 2). These are subtitled and include written reports also.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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Plans for Local Film Studio: The Council is planning a local film studio. This will be of great interest to local people, including students, who want to work in film making. IT will mean opportunities in our area for film makers. You can have your say on the proposals. The studio will be at the 12th Lock and involves a change of use of a large industrial storage building into a film production studio with associated facilities. See the plans and make a submission at consult.sdublincoco.ie.

Cllr. Liona O’Toole – Independent

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In response to pressing community needs, my motion passed at this week’s council meeting, asking council management to advocate to the NTA for improved bus capacity and reinstatement of a local terminus in Lucan. A meeting request with the NTA and local councillors has been initiated to discuss bus network enhancements. I’m committed to achieving improvements. Concerning the absence of depots in Lucan, I’ve addressed the issue. The report indicates depots in Tallaght, Clondalkin, Rathcoole, and Palmerstown. I intend to pursue this matter further in the coming months. In light of reports detailing inadequate health services, such as the absence of a public health nurse, delays in essential school children’s vaccinations, and GP shortages, I requested via a motion passed to resend an invitation to the HSE. Their presence and presentation on Lucan’s healthcare system are vital.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week Joe submitted a cherry tree in full blossom. This week Frances has submitted other trees in full blossom in the grounds of St. Mary's. So, despite the cold, Spring has arrived.

The theme chosen by the group for the month of April is "Windows" and Kay has led the charge with a photograph of a very interesting façade at No 10 Anglesea Street in the city centre.



This house that has a fascinating history. The building has early origins pointing to a mid-eighteenth-century date of construction and it is considered one of the oldest surviving houses in Temple Bar. Its exterior was refaced in 1898 and the building today is regarded as a good example of the Queen Anne Revival.

Kay also submitted a photograph of a fox, or maybe it's a Vixen, that turns up every morning at a relative's house for breakfast!



Joe seems to be in competition with Conor in relation to photographing birds.

Donal got to Holy Cross Abbey in County Tipperary which was founded in 1182 AD by Dónal Mór Ó Briain, King of Limerick. A relic of the True Cross drew pilgrims from far and wide. The monastery was suppressed by Henry VIII during the 16th century. The Abbey was abandoned around 1650 and fell into ruin. The late Dr. Thomas Morris, Archbishop of Cashel and Emly inspired the reconstruction of the Abbey which was opened in 1975 and today functions as the parish church of Holy Cross and Ballycahill.

Until next week stay safe!