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## ***The Normal Challenges of Being Family at Big Moments!***

There are many parts of life where we are fortunate to be able to sail on blissfully unaware of what might be going on for people. This state of bliss provides a fertile ground where we can set down what it is we wish to do with our lives in terms of career or state of life. It's the romantic phase that most will experience. Without the romantic phase we would never embrace the big things in life that are needed to become family, to take on challenges and to enjoy the amazing potential within ourselves. Romantic notion is the entry point through which we can check out anything for which we might have a nesting passion or desire. Sometimes, once the romantic phase has passed and we see the reality before us we might set down roots or find an exit to a new place of being.

When we find ourselves dealing with dynamics that are far from ideal, we just want to run and get away to a more comfortable space. Sometimes that is necessary and sometimes not possible or right. However, what do we do if in this space of anxiety on a day when the dynamics seem to loom like a dark cloud! During these weeks when First Holy Communion and Confirmation is being celebrated in every parish in the country, family dynamics are pumping with energy of all sorts – some welcome, some dreaded!

It helps to know that a normal family is complex. Every family has great times and times of challenge. The best and worst of dynamics peaks in sight or in anxiety before celebratory family events. It's good to remember that *The Walton's* and *Little House on the Prairie* are fictional accounts of family that are cosy desirables! It can help to talk with someone to whom we can be honest about our reality. The freedom in getting older is that the general reality of life for all becomes more visible so that caring about maintaining image matters less.

The best consolation that we have, as Christians, can be found in the *Acts of the Apostles* in the Bible where we see the followers of Jesus often falling apart as members of their community as they try hard to live the love that is of God! Like us, they succeed and fail in equal measures! They get up and start over many times. As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension this weekend, Jesus promises us the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises us in the Gospel this weekend that he is with us always, to the end of time. In the middle of the angst, God is present in and with us! The first Christians talked and complained! Talk to someone about your reality if it is one that is challenging. The presence of God through the Holy Spirit is found in one another – in our community in daily life.

We are gifts for one another!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

#### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

### What is Disability Allowance?

Disability Allowance (DA) is a weekly allowance paid to people with a disability. You can get DA from 16 years of age. You can get Disability Allowance even if you are in school.

If you qualify for DA, you may also get extra social welfare benefits with your payment and other supplementary welfare payments.

### Budget 2026

From September 2026, if you are getting Disability Allowance, you will be able to keep your Fuel Allowance payment for 5 years even after you take up employment.

### How to qualify for Disability Allowance

To qualify for Disability Allowance, you must:

- Have an injury, disease, or physical or mental disability that has continued for at least one year, or is expected to continue for at least one year.
- Be substantially restricted from doing work because of your disability, that would be suitable for a person of your age, experience and qualifications.
- Be aged between 16 and 66.
- Pass a means test (an assessment of any income you have).
- Live in Ireland and meet the habitual residence condition.

### Medical Assessment

Your doctor must complete a report on your medical condition as part of the application form. This report is reviewed by one of the DSP's medical assessors.

The medical report will allow the DSP to determine if you:

- Have an injury, disease, or physical or mental disability that has continued for at least one year, or is expected to continue for at least one year, and

- Are substantially restricted from doing work because of your disability, that would be suitable for a person of your age, experience and qualifications.

You can get Disability Allowance if you are in hospital or residential care.

If you are already getting DA and go into hospital or residential care, you will continue to get your payment, as long as you continue to meet the qualifying conditions above.

If you were not getting DA before you started living in residential care, you can apply for DA.

### How your income is assessed for Disability Allowance

Disability Allowance (DA) is a means-tested payment.

In a means test, the Department of Social Protection (DSP) examines all your sources of income. To get DA, your income must be below a certain amount.

The main items included in the means test are:

**Cash Income:** The DSP looks at your cash income (such as payment from work), that you or your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant may have.

**Capital:** Capital includes your savings, investments, shares, or any property you have (but not your own home). The first €50,000 of your capital is not taken into account for the means test.

You can get an application form for Disability Allowance from your local: Intreo Centre or a Social Welfare Branch Office Citizens Information Centre. If you think you have been wrongly refused DA you can appeal this decision.

### Disability Allowance Section

Department of Social Protection

Tel: (043) 334 0000 or 0818 927 770

<https://www.gov.ie/en/service/df6811-disability-allowance/>

Email: [DA\\_InetInfo@welfare.ie](mailto:DA_InetInfo@welfare.ie)

Details including the means test are on our website.

## Lucan I.C.A.

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May:* Our craft group continue working on their individual projects.

We have invited Neasa O'Rourke to come and talk on Final Matters at 11am.

*Tea Rota* are Anne Beales and Geraldine Archbold.

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>* National AGM takes place in The Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore. We request a good attendance of members from Lucan Guild.

Last Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May we held our AGM. Our President Pauline Bligh retired after 14 years as President. All the members wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for all she has done for the Lucan Guild over the past 14 years.



A presentation was made, she received a bouquet of flowers, jewellery and lots of cards with best wishes. She was a brilliant organiser, and she arranged many nice occasions for us. We hope she will relax and enjoy her retirement; she will still be a member so we will see her often.



Pauline handed over her chain of office to the new President Mary Coyle and wish her all the best as she begins her first term in office.

We now look forward to a new year off ICA activities.

*Mary Curley PRO.*

## Lucan Drama

"Bells" is another new and original play which will have it's premiere during our upcoming evening of One Acts.

Written by Lucan Drama's own Aoibhin Ni Ghabhann and directed by Aisling Ni Fhoghlu this comedy/drama is set around a couple's wedding day.....

"You are cordially invited to Alison's big day! She's marrying Leo, but we don't have all day. The bridesmaids are fighting, the groom keeps running off, and the best man has invited a stranger; what could go wrong?"

Our Evening of One Acts will run upstairs at Courtney's from May 25th to 28th and tickets are available at [www.gr8events.ie](http://www.gr8events.ie)

We look forward to seeing you all and we remain very grateful for all the support we receive from the people of Lucan.

*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep*

A red poster for a local blood drive. The text reads: "giveblood.ie", "Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive!", "Springfield Hotel Lucan on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> and Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May 3.45pm to 8pm", "Giving blood saves many lives. #EveryOneCounts", "Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 731 137", "Follow us for more updates & news" with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. At the bottom, there are colored boxes representing blood types: A+, A-, B+, B-, AB+, AB-, O-, O+.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May:* Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 -12.30, with talk on Security – Phone and Bank Scams – by Garda Anne Gabbet.

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

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



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

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

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

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

Best Wishes to the pupils of  
*Gael Scoil Eiscir Riada .N.S.*  
*and Seeds of Faith from*  
*St Andrew's N.S*



*And*  
*Educate Together N.S.'s*  
who will be receiving their  
First Holy Communion this  
weekend

Hope you all have a lovely day.

#### Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's at funeral.

#### Confessions:

After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

#### Christian Meditation:

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

#### Baptisms in St Mary's:

Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.

#### Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. All are welcome.

#### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

#### Divine Mercy Devotion:

Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

#### Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

#### Rosary

The Rosary will be said at the Grotto outside the Church for the



**month of May.**  
**Monday to Friday at**  
**6.30pm each evening.**

*Legion of Mary*

#### Visits to the housebound:

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

#### Cuppa:

Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.



Aontas are holding a  
**CHURCH GATE COLLECTION**  
at the

10:30am, 12pm and 7pm

**Masses this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

The money will go towards our volunteering mission in the Philippines this summer.

*Thank you on behalf of all involved in the group for the fantastic support to date.*

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

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.  
**The 10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am.  
Masses livestreamed at [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)



Best Wishes to the pupils of  
*Scoil Mhuire N.S. and  
St John the Evangelist N.S.*  
who will be receiving their  
First Holy Communion this  
weekend

Hope you all enjoy your special day.  
*Please remember them in your prayers*

**Adoration:** Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

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

**St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:** Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

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

### Parish Pilgrimage to Knock On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Bus leaves:

St. Joseph's Lay-by 8.15am  
St. Patrick's Church, Esker 8.30am  
The Statue at Dodsboro 8.45am

The cost is €30.

**To book your seat please  
contact one of the following:**

Marie T. Anderson 087 2691786  
Marie McBride 087 1226766.



**Tea/Coffee:** Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. Do drop in. *All welcome.*

### St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **THIS Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6pm.  
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

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



Best Wishes to the pupils of  
*Divine Mercy Jr School.*  
who will be receiving their  
First Holy Communion this  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Hope you all have a very special day.  
*Please remember them in your prayers*

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

## St. Joseph's Vocations Divine Mercy Branch

is having a

**Pilgrimage  
to Knock  
on Saturday June 27  
2026**



To secure a seat on the bus from Divine Mercy, please contact any of the following:

Mary McClelland 087-7866855  
Parish Office: 01- 4572900  
Parish Mobile: 089-4519959.

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

## Acknowledgement

### Brendan O'Neill

Brendan's family would like to sincerely thank our dear friends and neighbours and all at St. Mary's Parish for your kindness and support which was a great consolation to us all at this sad time.

Mass has been offered for your intentions.

*Charlotte O'Neill*



**OUR NEXT ONLINE** Bereavement Information Evening for bereaved parents. All Anam Cara events are free and open to parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement.

This event will take place online on

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.**

Our professional speaker this month is Niamh Finucane. Niamh is a Principal Social Worker with St Francis Hospice, working as the Bereavement Co-ordinator.

Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/g1HwjGrmR0qiCttwP2m32Q#/registration>

To find out more about the services we offer please email us at [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) or call 085 288 8888.

## Anniversaries

### Maura Mulligan

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 19<sup>th</sup> May

Late of Meadow View Grove.

Silent the tears that fall

Living our lives without you

Is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us

Your heart was kind and true

And when we needed someone

We could always count on you.

The special years will not return

When we were all together

But the love within our hearts

You will walk with us forever.

*Loved and dearly missed, Ted, Olive,*

*Annmairie, Patricia, Siobhan and families.*



### Maura Mulligan

May the winds of Heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much we love and miss you

And wish that you were here.

*Your loving grandchildren.*



### Molly Murray

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 16<sup>th</sup> May

As we look upon your picture,

Sweet memories we recall,

Of a face so full of sunshine,

And a smile for one and all.

Sweet Jesus take this message,

To our dear mother up above,

Tell her how we miss her,

And give her all our love

*Forever remembered and missed*

*her loving family*



**IGNITE**  
IRELAND  
CONFERENCE  
*Embers into flames*

Saturday, May 23rd  
Dublin Convention Centre  
9:00 am to 7:00 pm

SCOTT HAHN

MICHELLE WARD  
FR. CONOR McDONOUGH O.P.  
MAURA MURPHY  
FR. PATRICK CAHILL

For more information & to book tickets, please visit [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)  
For group bookings, please call 01-4048187 (10am - 2pm)

## Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club had our monthly competition on Wednesday the 29th of April in the Palmerstown Parish centre. The theme was **Scapes**.



The winner in novice was Mairead Harrington. Intermediate: James Grandfield, Liam Ó Daliagh, Angela Dennis, Kieran Cahill, Gerry Cahill. Advanced: Lorraine Morris, Orla Brady, Brenda Hartley, Gerald Phelan and Frank Delaney. And the image of the month went to Orla Brady.



Well done everyone. Palmerstown camera club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10pm in Palmerstown Parish Centre.

## Thank You

I just want to thank everybody who kindly contributed to my **Alzheimers Tea Day**, last Thursday, 7th May, outside Carrol's Gastro Pub in Lucan Village.



I also want to thank Donal and Staff for supplying the tea and coffee. They were amazing!

*Carmel*



**Brrrr.....** We expected to hear the barbecues sizzling after the nice sunny days over a week ago, but instead, we're sitting in, giving the heating a blast now and then.

The forecast for next week is looking a lot better with highs of 21C on the way.....

**Birdie visited the Village Green** (*We'll have to come up with another name for it!*) again during the week, and it is no exaggeration to say that the concrete is filthy!

Seems to be mainly drink spills, but real grass would have soaked all that up, and have it looking a lot better.

## A good place to build a village!



Lucan is built on the confluence of the rivers Griffeen and Liffey. Everybody can see where the two waters meet, on visiting the grounds of Lucan House.



## Lucan Community College

**Addams Family Success:** Our TY students just completed a 3-night rendition of *The Addams Family*, and what a roaring success it was! The performances were packed with fun, laughs, fantastic songs, and brilliant singing throughout. The effort and commitment shown over the last six months was truly exceptional, and the talent on stage was unmatched. There were simply too many fantastic characters and performances to name them all individually, but every single student played their part in making the show such a memorable occasion.



A huge thank you to Mr Murphy, Ms Corrigan, and Ms Nolan for all their time, dedication, and hard work in bringing the production to life. Their support, guidance, and encouragement helped create something very special for everyone involved. Congratulations to all the cast and crew on an incredible achievement! Pictures here are our students with TD Emer Higgins as she came into the school to wish them all well.



## TY Trip to Maynooth:

(pictured below left)

Our TY students recently visited Maynooth University to get a feel for campus life and explore everything the university has to offer. During the visit, students had the chance to learn about the wide range of courses available, discover the many clubs and societies on campus, and explore the different buildings and facilities. The trip gave students a great insight into university life and the opportunities that come with it. One of the highlights of the day was even getting to meet the famous campus cat!

## 2nd Year Trip to Germany

Our 2nd Year students had a fantastic trip to Germany, where they enjoyed a brilliant few days exploring, learning, and getting out of the classroom.

During the trip, students visited the stunning Cologne Cathedral, toured BayArena, explored the beautiful city of Heidelberg, and enjoyed plenty of excitement at Phantasialand. They also visited the historic Marksburg Castle and took in the scenery on a relaxing Rhine cruise.

The students had an amazing experience making memories together while discovering so many new places and experiences. A huge thank you to all of the teachers who accompanied the trip and helped

make it such a success.



## St. Joseph's College

**Minor Camogie:** Hard luck to our minor camogie team who were narrowly beaten in their championship final last week. They had a fantastic year and did brilliantly to make it all the way to the final. Despite leading at half time they unfortunately came up just short on the day and Manor House. Best of luck to all our students and their clubs in their upcoming Feile competitions and for the summer of camogie ahead.

**Tour of Lucan:** Last week 4a5 were exploring the Religious history of Lucan village. They met Helen from St. Andrews Church who kindly allowed them inside to view the beautiful stained glass windows. The trip then continued to view the Presbyterian, Methodist and Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the students finally had a chance to take a break in the new village centre.



**Religion Retreat:** The transition year Religion retreats came to an end on Monday with 4a4 and 4a5 on a liturgical and historical pilgrimage through Dublin City.



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Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our

Website: [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays,  
in St. Mary's Parish  
Centre, from 9.30 to  
11.30am.

All Welcome!



## 2027 Sol Calendar: Send in your photos of Old Lucan

We have already received some excellent photos of historical features around Lucan. If you capture any and you'd like to see your photo in the 2027 calendar (and get a free calendar!) email us at [oldlucan@gmail.com](mailto:oldlucan@gmail.com)



## Who Lies Beneath? The Purefoy Family Vault in Lucan

by Raymond Stallings

In a quiet medieval graveyard associated with the ruins of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) in Lucan stands a substantial rectangular, flat-roofed stone vault surmounted by decorative iron railings that discourage access to the roof slab. Its presence in a graveyard and its form makes clear that it is a burial vault, once accessed by four steps leading down into a chamber below ground. What is not immediately apparent, however, is who lies within. The structure itself, clearly of some expense, offers no clue.

While the full range of its occupants is not immediately clear, a weathered headstone, positioned at the far side of the structure, opposite the entrance and facing inward towards the vault, provides an important clue:

**"IN MEMORY OF  
THOMAS PUREFOY ESQR MD  
OF LUCAN  
WHO DIED DECR 23D 1868 IN THE 61ST  
YEAR OF HIS AGE  
ALSO OF ANGEL WRAY PUREFOY HIS  
DAUGHTER WHO DIED JUNE 18TH 1858  
AGED 15 YEARS"**

The inward-facing orientation of the headstone might appear unusual. However, headstones commonly face the burial they mark. As the vault is the place of burial, then the alignment is entirely conventional. An abstract black and white illustration of a stylized tree with curved branches.



Image of the Purefoy vault, displaying the steps leading into the blocked entrance. The iron railing on top, and the head stone facing the vault on the opposite end.

Thomas Purefoy was a physician of some standing, who practiced in Lucan, and clearly a man of some means, able to provide a family vault. The death of his daughter Angel at the age of fifteen in 1858 might well have prompted its construction.

Neither Thomas Purefoy nor his daughter appear in the Lucan Church of Ireland burial register commencing in 1876, as both deaths predate it. It is possible they were recorded in an earlier parish register, but that record was lost in the destruction of the Public Record Office in 1922. The later register, however, provides crucial evidence that other members of the Purefoy family, namely his wife, Alice Maria (née Dancer), a son, Richard, and two daughters, Alicia Maria and Anna Catherine, were buried in the parish between 1889 and 1920.

Sir Richard Dancer Purefoy was a prominent Dublin physician, serving as Master of the Rotunda Hospital (1896–1903) and later as President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (1912–14). The 1911 census shows him living with his sister and three servants at Merrion Square, reflecting a comfortable social position. Despite his prominence, the exact place of Sir Richard Purefoy's burial is not recorded and is a mystery.

A logo featuring a stylized letter 'A' with a minimalist design, often used for branding or identification.



Presidential portrait of Sir Richard Dancer Purefoy. Reproduced by permission and courtesy of RCSI University of Medicine and Health Science.

*Continued over.....*

## The Purefoy Family Vault in Lucan

*Continued.....*

Neither Sir Richard, his mother Alice, nor sisters Alicia and Anna, are commemorated by a surviving headstone elsewhere in the BVM graveyard or at any other burial location in Lucan. This absence is striking, as families of this standing would normally be marked by prominent headstones. As they appear in the Lucan parish burial register, and with no other known place of burial, it is highly likely that they are interred in the family vault located in the BVM graveyard. The vault itself is imposing, measuring just over three metres in length and roughly two and a half metres in width. Its full internal height is unknown, but the visible structure above and below ground indicate a minimum internal height of approximately one and a half metres. These dimensions suggest a vault that could accommodate at least six coffins, depending on how they were arranged.

Taken together, the vault, the burial register, and the surviving headstone point strongly to the conclusion that several members of the Purefoy family, including Sir Richard, were buried here. While certainty is not possible, the evidence strongly suggests that this unmarked vault is the final resting place of at least two generations of the Purefoy family, hidden in plain sight within the BVM graveyard.

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## Nagarhope Table Quiz

Following last Friday night's Quiz in aid of Nahgarhope, we want to thank all those who attended and who made the night a success, helping to educate children in Nagarhope Basic School, Nepal. Thanks also to people who couldn't attend but dropped in cash donations instead.

On behalf of Doc and Nagarhope, so many people must be thanked sincerely for the success of our Quiz night---- Lucan Newsletter staff for advertising the event for many weeks and for their continued coverage for Nagarhope; Lucan Sarsfields for the use of the hall and their support over many years; Lucan Community College for the loan of the tables; John, Jim and Séamus who set up the hall that day; all the bar staff on the night; Fachtna our Quiz Master; Aoife for marking the answers; all our committee members and helpers who collected answer sheets and sold raffle tickets; those who could not attend but dropped in donations; local businesses and friends who donated quiz and raffle prizes including Ulick and the Spa Hotel, Sinéad and John Egan, Michael O'Grady, Shane Moynihan, Penny Hill, Oisín McCabe, Cormac Gordon, Liam Hayes, Cathy O'Neill, Centra, Lucan, Lucan Village Pharmacy, Rita McCabe, Cró Dooley, Kenny's Lucan, Cartridge Expert, Louise Clandillon, Paul Stapleton. Thanks to the card players in the bar who supported the raffle.

*Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.  
Niamh Clandillon*



**ACRE project**  
*Plant Sale*

Saturday & Sunday  
May 16-17 • 10am-5pm

**Plant Sale Weekend Schedule:**

- Plants and Blooms for Sale all weekend from 10am
- Bake Fair with 6 Local bakers and businesses  
Coffee truck onsite served by the Beanery
- Cookery demos with Trish taking place on  
11am Saturday & Sunday in building one
- Come give lawn bowling a try!  
ACRE Lawn Bowling Club will be offering  
demos throughout the weekend
- Gardening demos by the ACRE Gardening Club

Salesian College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge  
[info@acreproject.com](mailto:info@acreproject.com)



**SUMMER FAIR**

**Church of Ireland  
Parish Centre**  
Main Street,  
Lucan

Saturday  
23<sup>rd</sup> May

12pm - 4pm  
Free Admission



Stalls include, Cakes, Books, Toys,  
Bric a brac, Plants, Tombolla, Teas  
and Raffle

In aid of Parish Funds  
All Welcome

## Lucan Library – May Events

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Record Fair** taking place all day. All Welcome.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm. STEAM Session:** Make up a story with Lego! Build each scene to tell your tale. Let your imagination run wild! (Ages 6+) Booking on Eventbrite.

## ADULT EVENTS

**Adult Events in Lucan Library.**

### Regular Events:

No booking is required for the below events – all are welcome to attend!



**Every Monday 10am - 12noon - Lucan Library Knitters Club,** new members welcome.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** from 10am – 12pm: **Lucan Library Creative Writers Group.** New members welcome.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May,** 12pm – 1.45pm. **“What’s the Story” Writing Club!** A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.

**Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** from 5.30. All welcome.



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm - Ann Tuite and the Heavenly Harpers.** Harp Recital. All welcome



### Additional Adult Events

**New: Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:** Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on **20<sup>th</sup> of May.** Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

**Volunteer Ireland – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** from 11am – 1pm to speak with Volunteer Ireland and find out more.

## BOOK CLUBS

**Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!**

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon.**

Wednesday Book Club: **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm**

Read and Eat Cookbook Club: **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 12pm.**

**Children's Events in Lucan Library**  
**Please book events on Lucan Library/Eventbrite.**

**Events for Younger Children:**

**Every Monday at 3pm:**

**Storytime.** Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite.



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena** for 9–12-year-olds. A fun arts and crafts session for 9–12-year-olds.

**Sensory Play with Rebecca – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10am.** Book on Eventbrite.



• My Open Library  
My Open Library is a new service that offers extended library opening hours by allowing access to register My Open Library members outside of staffed hours.

How does it work?

- You must go through an induction with staff before you can register for MOL.
- Once registered, you can scan your library card at the door to enter the library during My Open Library Hours and not allow access to others.
- My Open Library will let you enter the library between 8am and 10pm every day - even bank holidays!

Ask staff at the desk about registering for My Open Library extended hours access!

**May Exhibition:  
History of the Census 5<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May**



FAS FASHION  
PASSPORTS



An Taisce

**CHILDREN & BABY CLOTHES  
SWAP EVENT**  
AT  
LUCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
ON  
13<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE  
1PM-4PM

Climate Ambassador, Lara, with An Taisce, is holding a clothing swap event for local parents to trade children and baby clothes in Lucan Library, on the 13th of June, from 1pm-4pm.

Further information (*tickets are free*) -  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator>

You always pass failure on the way to success.

Mickey Rooney  
Actor

*Ladies of Lucan*

**ADAMSTOWN  
SISTER SHED**

*Bringing Women Together for Fun & Friendship!*

*Ever wanted to try fun, interesting, educational things?*

We do creative arts, wellbeing, poetry, hypnosis, trips to Bewley's Theatre, day trips to Holyhead, boules, meet-ups with Lucan's Men's Shed, and even enjoyed coffee with our Community Garda!!  
& more!



*Join us at: Adamstown Community Centre –  
Every Friday • 10am – 12pm*

*Call or WhatsApp: 087 2795274*

*We'd love to see you!*

*Sister Sheds*

# LUCAN FESTIVAL

In 1860 the mills near Luttrellstown on the Low Road were bought by Shackleton's, and continued in use up to 1998. Bought in 2001 by Fingal County Council, its machinery remodelled in 1933 is still intact.



Once again Fingal have given permission for 2 visits to the mills during our Festival. Times and booking at a later date.

## Irish Saints Feast Days in May

### St. Carthage – 15<sup>th</sup> May

Patron of the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. Born in Kerry in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, and worked as a swineherd.

### St. Dymphna – 15<sup>th</sup> May

Patron of victims of incest and those with mental health and emotional problems. Born in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, she would flee to Antwerp to escape an incestuous relationship with her father, who wanted to marry her, because of her strong resemblance to her mother who had died.

### St. Brendan the Navigator – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Patron of the Archdiocese of Clonfert and Kerry and also of seafarers and travellers, and those who are fearful. Born in Tralee around 485.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May lotto jackpot of €11,400. The numbers drawn were **3, 23, 26 & 27**. **Lucky dip's** go to Laura Fox, Margaret Brooks, Ruth O'Leary, Noel Simpson, Mary Murphy. This week's Lotto on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May will be for a jackpot of €11,800. This draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Edel Mooney. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



### Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

Our Golf Classic is officially sold out! We're creating a waiting list for any additional entries. If any members or local businesses would like to get involved in sponsoring the Classic in any way, please get in touch with a member of the committee. A special thank-you to our main Golf Classic sponsor – Colm Corrigan Builders for their fantastic support. This event is the Club's main fundraiser for 2026, and your support makes all the difference! Sara Hickey 086-8187070, Maggie Mulqueen 087-2866581.

### Mini All Ireland Series

Registration for our Mini All Ireland Series closes this week the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026. All players must be registered by lead mentors by this date. We look forward to a fun week in the 12<sup>th</sup> lock with great skills on display from various age groups.

### Feile

Last weekend saw a fantastic Camogie Féile across three venues, with our teams competing in Raheny, Clontarf, and at home in the 12th Lock. It was a brilliant display of camogie throughout the weekend. Our Division 2 team were unlucky to miss out in a closely fought semi-final, while our Division 7 team had a great run to the final on Sunday, where they were beaten by Scoil Uí Chonaill. Well done to all the players who took part—you were a credit to the club.

### Summer Camps

Our club summer camps are filling up fast, let's not leave it till the last minute and book your spot before it's too late!!!

**Cul Camps are fully sold out!!**



### Academy

Our academy is back and is open to all boys and girls aged between 4-7. The academy runs every Saturday – no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try.

**Age group times are as follows; 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am and 2019 – 11am.**

### Cúpla Focal

Great to see our Cúpla Focal group being presented with their Fáinne at the final class of the term on Monday night.

Comhghairdeas to everyone involved for their commitment and effort over the past number of weeks – a brilliant achievement!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back again in mid-September to continue the journey.

### Maith sibh go léir

### Job Opportunity



### Clubhouse Cleaning Role – Paid Opportunity

We're currently looking for a reliable club member for clubhouse cleaning duties.

Details:

Days: Thursday to Monday

Hours: A few hours each day.

Paid position.

If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Ronan Foley via WhatsApp. Contact details available on request.

### Garda Vetting Clinic

The Children's Officer team will be running another Garda Vetting Clinic in the club bar on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May between 8-9pm.

Please print out and bring your GAA NVB1 Identity Document Validation Form for signing along with ID and proof of address.

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

# POLITICAL NOTES

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*Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald*

### Community Safety:

I had a very constructive conversation with the local Garda Superintendent this week. We discussed the roll-out of high visibility across the Lucan and Ronanstown Garda district, including Lucan village. I was informed that Operation Irene is being rolled across our area, which involves Gardaí on mountain bikes on high visibility patrols in our public parks and other public spaces. I also shared feedback about locations which would benefit from Operation Irene patrols.

### Rang Speisialta:

Cuirim fáilte roimh fhógairt rang speisialta do Choláiste Cois Life an seachtain seo.

### Clinic:

My next Lucan clinic takes place in Muintir na Tíre Hall on Monday 18 May at 1pm.

### Online Newsletter:

The latest version of my email newsletter can be found on my website

at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-may-2026-update/>.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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### School Warden Service:

Following requests for school warden provision at Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, this is currently under review. If required thresholds (15+ unaccompanied under 12s) are met, further measures may be considered, including technical solutions, a school warden (subject to staffing), or active travel supports. I will keep you updated as the review progresses.

### Lucan House Signage:

Following confusion around which entrance to use at Lucan House during opening hours of 11am to 7pm on Saturdays & Sundays, I raised this with the Council. A request was sent to review and update signage, including clearer direction to use the Leixlip Road entrance adjacent to AIB.

### Doddsboro Road / Tandy's Lane:

I raised the issue of repairs to the damaged ramp at the traffic lights at Doddsboro Cottages. The Council confirmed that repairs are scheduled to be carried out in June.

## Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

*Working with Paul Gogarty, TD*

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### Lucan Village Businesses:

We now have strong data from village businesses, following my recent meeting with them and SDCC Economic Development, informing the SDCC social media campaign promoting village traders during the summer. Village traffic flow has improved, with traffic lights at the Methodist Church using sensors. The green is being used by all age-groups and at all times of the day and evening, in a positive way.

### Recent Improvements:

After I sent in multiple representations about the serious potholes on Lucan Bridge, they were repaired last week; great to finally see this happen. Wonderful to see the replacement of the former wooden fence at Hermitage Park with a proper wall. Two constituents requested this, early 2025, and I made representations on their behalf to SDCC asking for a substantial wall.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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*Remember I'm always just a message away!*

### Community Grants:

Congratulations to the many Lucan groups and organisations successful under the latest South Dublin County Council Community Grant Scheme including 142nd Dublin Esker Scout Group, Crosscare Lucan Youth Service, Griffeen Valley Petanque Club, Woodview Heights Residents Association, Liffey Sound FM 96.4FM. These grants will support important local projects, equipment, environmental improvements and community activities across our area.

### Lucan B2B Network:

I also continue to support the B2B Lucan Network and attend meetings every fortnight. If you are a sole trader or small or medium-sized business and would like to attend as my guest, please get in touch to find out more. Supporting local business is extremely important.

### Thank You:

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who supported Darkness into Light Lucan and helped make it such a special community event.

## Hospital Bus

Still no success in our efforts to get one of the two buses to go into Blanchardstown Hospital. This is so important as this is the main Hospital for the Lucan area. The two buses are L52 and W4. The operators have no problem in going into the hospital, but it is governing body the NTA that is blocking this move. Bus L52 is in ideal location to go into the hospital, it can use the M3 to go in via the front gate and come out via the back gate. This would add five minutes to the journey time and what a difference it would make to the users from Lucan. This problem is not going away and can be solved so easily. We request our local politicians to help us out with this problem. The NTA seemly will only engage with politicians. The NTA should be prepared to suit the users after all its taxpayer's money they are using.



**Tom Newton 086 3127364**  
**Lucan Planning Council.**

## Castletown House – Celbridge May 2026

- May 20<sup>th</sup> Irish Wolfhound Club Championships



## Cultural and Educational Programme (via Heritage Ireland)

- The House of Guinness Talk: A focus on local history
- The Painted Decorations in the Long Gallery: Expect talks on the house's art
- Musical Performances: including the Royal Irish Academy of Music and Beartha Ó Flatharta Céili Band
- Outdoor Sculpture Tour: Available throughout the month
- Bealtine Tours at Castletown House: Free guided tours on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May from 12.00 pm – 1.00pm.
- Nature & Biodiversity Week (May 26<sup>th</sup>) Participate in drop-in workshops on the front lawn or set up your own easel to capture the majesty of Castletown House.



## Bealtine Festival

*“Celebrating Arts and Creativity as We Age”,* this May.

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Office of Public Works will be offering a free admission day for senior citizens at all free paying heritage sites.

Free admission to all fee-paying except for Kilmainham Goal Museum and Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre.

### **Ar an Imeal / On The Edge – Rathfarnham Castle**

Ar an Imeal is an exhibition of up to 50 oil paintings of Ireland's offshore islands. The exhibition is part of a larger project exploring and documenting the islands and seeking to record, celebrate, respect and remember the individual world that each island is and was to those that lived and still live on it. Free of charge on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30 am – 4.45 pm.

### **‘Echoes’ Irish Patchwork Society exhibition.**

National Botanic Gardens. ‘Echoes’ is an exhibition to mark the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Irish Patchwork Society.

Free of charge – Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm.  
Saturday & Sunday 10 am – 6 pm.

### **Irish Sign Language Interpreted Tour – Kilmainham Goal.**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Free.

### **Four Courts Tour – Customs House.**

Learn about the architecture, the destruction of the building during the Civil War and important court cases over the last few centuries.

Free but booking is essential. 27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00 am – 12.00pm.

Location – Custom House Visitor Centre.

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*Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.*

*Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.*

*Never spend money before you have it.*

*Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.*

*We seldom repent having eaten too little.*

*Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.*

*How much pain the worries have cost us that never happened.*

*Take things always by the smooth handle.*

*When angry always count to ten before you speak.*

*If very angry a hundred backwards.*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week Don sent us a photo of the Black Valley, a remote valley at the southern end of the McGillicuddy's Reeks mountain range in County Kerry noted for being one of the last places to be connected to the electricity and telephone networks due to its remoteness.



Joe found himself another butterfly, a “Large White”, sometimes referred to as the “Cabbage White” as the cabbage plant is one of its foods. Joe also sent in a photo of Newbridge House, Donabate with a terrific sky background that makes the house look terrific. The house is one of the most intact and preserved examples of a Georgian mansion in Ireland.



Frances sent us a photo of bog cotton. The plant thrives on bogs at this time of year. It can quickly colonise and repair damaged or eroded peat, encourage the re-vegetation of its surroundings, and retain sediment and its landscape to serve as a carbon sink.

Donal has sent us photos of sailing boats in San Sebastian, in northern Spain and of Collioure in the southern French department of Pyrénées-Orientales, a town with a strong Catalan culture.



*Stay safe until next week!*