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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

## **Leadership is for Service!**

It is truly heart-breaking to see the impact of corrupt leadership on our world currently. It seems that many in leadership are driving with selfish motives rather than motives that seek to serve the good of all who elected them or all for whom they were appointed. Leadership is one of the most sacred of appointments as it is concerned with guiding people and processes to a productive end. Leadership involves a journeying collaboratively so that the ideas of all and values of all are given due consideration.



Dictatorship and autocracy stand with too much power in today's world, even in places seemingly democratic. In some situations, the leaders have a driving cohort of unseen individuals behind them with agendas that are not declared and not of the people who depend on them. In other situations, it is a matter of one individual making all the serious decisions and then either driving all ahead of them to make the decisions real or proceeding in solo runs with no regard for those who should be in co-leadership, at some level.

Children in our schools, learn about leadership and take leadership roles from Junior Infants upwards. They are elected or appointed onto Student/Pupil Councils, Green Schools Committee, Sports and Activity Committees.... They learn to lead as part of active teams where every voice matter's, no matter how small or young. They learn to put the good of the school and the school community to the fore in their deliberations and actions, always functioning as part of a team. They make a difference and bring everyone with them so that the end result is owned and celebrated by everyone. Enthusiasm and shared interest usually drive's a positive energy and generous time giving and talent sharing.

It is very important that we involve children and young people in discussions in our local communities also so that their voice may be heard and make an impact. It is even more important that we do so in order to involve and grow their leadership into life in family and community. The leaders of tomorrow in our country and perhaps even beyond are in our families and schools now! May they grow to be leaders who are just, fair, community serving and appropriately progressive. May all grow to participate in teamwork to learn the value of each voice and person. Let us nurture leadership among our young so that will be counter corrupt and service focused!

*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 employment status?

Your 'employment status' is either that:

You are an 'employee', or

You are 'self-employed'.

#### You are usually an employee if:

Your employer controls how, when and where you work

Your contract says you must do the work yourself and you cannot pass it on to someone else

Your contract sets out specific work hours and amounts

You are paid a fixed wage

You pay tax through the PAYE (Pay As You Earn) system

#### You are typically self-employed if you:

Own and control your business

Bear the financial risk

Can decide to do the work yourself, or hire someone else

Can choose when and how you work and can refuse work offers

Can work for multiple clients

Pay tax through self-assessment

#### Why does my employment status matter?

Being an employee provides more security and protection than working for yourself. Below are some of the important implications of your

employment status - PRSI, Tax treatment, Employment rights and Public liability. See our website for details.

#### How is employment status determined?

If you are an employee you have a 'contract of service' (an employment contract).

If you are self-employed you have a 'contract for services' – sometimes called a contractor.

But sometimes the actual working relationship between a worker and business is different in practice to what the contract says.

For example, a business might label a worker as a self-employed contractor when the relationship is actually employee and employer. This is called bogus or false self-employment.

There is no definition of employed or self-employed in Irish or EU law.

In cases where it is not clear, a decision-making framework is used to determine your employment status.

#### Who determines my employment status?

Revenue decides your employment status for tax purposes.

The Workplace Relations Commission decides your employment status when it adjudicates on employment rights complaints.

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) decides whether you are an employee or self-employed and what PRSI class you pay.

They each make their decision independently. A decision made by one does not mean the other two have to make the same decision.

#### How to query your employment status

If you think you are falsely classified as self-employed, contact the Scope section of DSP for a decision. DSP will investigate your work relationship.

Tel 01 673 2585 email [Scope@welfare.ie](mailto:Scope@welfare.ie)

You can contact Revenue through MyEnquiries in ROS or MyAccount.

Revenue also has Guidelines for Determining Employment Status for Taxation Purposes (pdf).

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 27th May: Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30 – 2.00pm.



## Lucan Drama

Reunion, an original drama written and directed by our own Connor Hillman is the third piece, another World Première, in our upcoming evening of One Acts.



Two old friends reconnect after 15 years. Old wounds re-open, regrets - long pushed beneath the surface - are brought back up. Is it ever truly too late for a 2nd chance?

We only have a small number of tickets remaining so to ensure you do not miss out on what promises to be a remarkable night of drama and entertainment please visit [www.gr8events.ie](http://www.gr8events.ie)

We will be performing upstairs at Courtney's of Lucan Village from **May 25th to 28th** and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep*

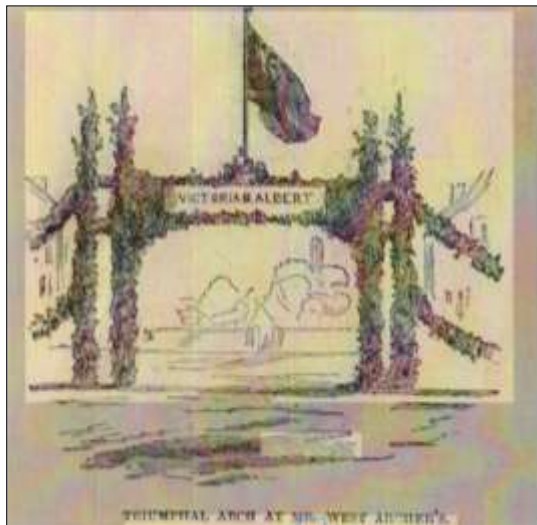
Happy Birthday  
Barbara  
on the 28th May.



Hope you enjoy your special day!

## LUCAN FESTIVAL

In August 1849 Queen Victoria and her husband Prince Albert spend 11 days visiting Ireland. She travelled to Lucan via the Low Road and the illustration from The Illustrated London News of the 18th Aug 1849 shows the Triumphal Arch at Mr West Archers which would have greeted her.



This would have been located at what is now Hills Mills where the Millbank houses are. Mr Archer was the owner of the Lucan Iron Mills established approx. 1760.

Hear and see more during this year's Festival.

## Lucan I.C.A.

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May:* Craft group continues working on their unfinished symphonies before the summer holidays.

*Tea Rota/:* Patricia Harding and Mary Rudden.

*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May:* Showband Night in I.C.A. Celbridge, 7.30pm

*Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May:* The members all remember Philly Burchael on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary.



## LOST

**Gold Bracelet** lost near St. Mary's Church / Girls School, last weekend. Phone 087 9382197



# 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)

### Summer Mass Times from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm, 10.30am and 12 noon. **NO 7PM MASS.**

Best Wishes to the boys of

**St Mary's B.N.S.**

who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Hope you all have a great day.

*Please remember them in your prayers*



### Thank You

Following our church gate collection last week-end we wish to thank everyone for their generosity.

A total of €480 was raised. *Many thanks.*



### Invitation – Date for your Diary

#### The Members of Aontas

Invite you to a Special Mass of Thanksgiving

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7pm

St. Mary's Church Lucan

Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

This Mass is being offered in sincere gratitude for the kindness, generosity and support shown by the **Parishioners of St. Mary's/St. Patrick's** in helping them with their fundraising to enable them to travel to the Philippines. Your encouragement and assistance have meant so much to us, and we would be honoured by your presence as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving. We will have some hospitality after the mass in the Parish Centre

## Key points from the Finance Council Presentation, 17 May 2026

The parish's *Property and Finance Council* has an advisory role, supporting the Parish Priest in matters relating to parish property and finances.

At weekend Masses, there are two collections:

- **The First Collection**, in the **blue bags**, together with Dues, supports priests serving throughout the Diocese, including sick and retired priests.
- **The Share Collection**, in the **red bags**, supports low-income parishes, administration, pastoral services, and faith development programmes across the Diocese.

**None of this income remains in the parish to meet its day-to-day running costs.**

For its running costs, St. Mary's Parish depends mainly on Family Offerings—through Standing Orders, weekly envelopes and online & once-off donations. Parish income from family offerings has fallen steadily to €100,000 last year.

**Unfortunately, this alone does not cover the everyday running costs of the parish.**

Currently St. Mary's relies heavily on approximately 325 families who contribute financially.

**This is only about 1 in 10 Catholic families in the parish.**

Nearly 200 families contribute over €250 annually, allowing the parish to benefit from the Charity Tax Rebate Scheme. For every €250 donated, the parish may receive an additional €112 from Revenue. In 2024 alone, this generated over €36,000.

So, we simply ask,

**If you are not yet contributing Family Offerings, please come on board and complete a Standing Order.**

**For more information**, please contact the Parish Office at (6217041 or [secretary@lucanparish.com](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com) or drop into the Office.

**Thank you sincerely for your generosity, your support and your commitment to St. Mary's Parish.**

**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*

**St. Vincent De Paul Church Collection**  
at all Masses

**THIS Saturday/ Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May.**  
*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## 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 **St Andrew's N.S.** and the **Educate Together Schools** who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Hope you all enjoy your special day.

*Please remember them in your prayers*



### Summer Mass Times from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

#### Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10am.

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

**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.

**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.

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

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

## 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 **The Community N.S. and Educate Together Schools** who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.



And to the pupils of **Divine Mercy Senior School** who will be Confirmed this Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Hope you all have a very special day.

*Please remember them all in your prayers*

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

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

### 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.



# Anniversaries

## Robert Cullen

*Dad,*

*Forever in our hearts*

Since you left us  
Our world has become empty  
Your smiling face  
Your comforting touch  
We never forget  
We miss you every moment  
We know you're watching over us  
Dad, you will remain in our hearts.



## Breeda Sullivan

**18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Though absent,  
you are always near  
Still loved, still missed  
and very dear.

*From your husband, family,  
relations and friends.*



## Mary Tobin

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Five years have passed since you left us,  
Yet your presence is felt every day.  
We feel spiritually connected to you  
as we pray, knowing that you are at  
peace in the arms of God.  
You left us with memories that are  
treasured and lasting, and we will  
carry them with us always.  
*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.*



## Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan

### Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm**

*(Weather permitting)*



41st ALL IRELAND  
**Rosary Rally**

Join 10,000+ people  
**SAT JUNE 6**  
KNOCK SHRINE

AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

"A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."  
-Venerable Patrick Peyton

WOMEN OF THE  
SACRAMENT SOCIETY

**BE STRONG IN THE LORD!**  
**HLI IRELAND MISSION NIGHT**

100 YEARS OF  
FEAST OF CHRIST  
THE KING!

VENERATE RELICS OF  
ST THERÈSE & THE  
HOLY FACE OF JESUS

100 YEARS OF  
ST THERÈSE'S  
CANONISATION!

JOIN HLI IRELAND'S MISSION!  
TO MAKE JESUS CHRIST KING OF OUR HEARTS  
**ST PATRICK'S CHURCH**  
**CORDUFF, BLANCHARDSTOWN!**  
**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 7PM**

Human Life International (Ireland), Goodhope Centre, Main Street, Sankil, Co. Mayo, F12 K70X, Ireland  
Tel. No.: 094 937 0961 Mob. No.: 085 946 9835 Web: [www.humanlife.ie](http://www.humanlife.ie) Email: [info@humanlife.ie](mailto:info@humanlife.ie)  
Charity Reg. No.: 30059064 Charity No.: CH13336 Company Reg. No.: 214176

ENCOUNTER  
**IRELAND**  
**ENCOUNTER**  
REVIVAL WEEKEND

### ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL

Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June: 6.00pm - 10.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June: 9.00am - 10.30pm

Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio.

### Bookings

at <https://encounterschoolofministrydonegal.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email [donegal@encounterschool.org](mailto:donegal@encounterschool.org).



**Hard to believe** we're into the last week of May already, and still looking to get warm!

**Men in Yellow Hi-viz** vests in Village as we went to press this Thursday morning – perhaps they were setting about cleaning the concrete site!

**Work at the Weir** seems never ending these days!



Like something that fell out of the sky, and below, still a lot to do!



**Wild Flowers in Lucan!** One of our readers, Laura C. has sent in some nice photos of beautiful blooms around our village – Next time you walk around the place, look out for them.....



**Red Valerian**  
*(near the Methodist Church)*



**Ivy-leaved Toadflax** ( on the wall down towards the village from opposite layby to opposite Circle K)



**Fairy Foxglove** on the wall near Canon Despard centre.

Laura also reminds us that May is the peak of birds nesting season, so leave those hedges alone!



## Lucan Community College

### Transition Year Graduation

We had a fantastic evening at the TY Graduation, celebrating a wonderful year filled with memorable experiences and achievements. The night showcased everything our TY students got up to throughout the year, including skiing, the trip to Poland, the Carlingford overnight adventure, reptile and forensics workshops, ice skating, the Gaisce Challenge, Develop Me workshops, work experience placements, and so much more. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the friendships, personal growth, and unforgettable memories made along the way. Congratulations to all of our TY students on a brilliant year!

### DMR West Garda Youth Awards

Congratulations to our students Ryan, Abbie, and past pupil Amy, who received a Special Achievement Award at the DMR West Garda Youth Awards last night in recognition of their outstanding sporting achievements. A fantastic accomplishment and a well-deserved honour, congratulations!



### Whole School Sports Day Success at Lucan CC

Lucan CC recently hosted its first Whole School Sports Day. Students from every year group enjoyed a fun-filled day as they rotated through a wide variety of events and challenges. The day included team sports such as soccer, tag, and frisbee, alongside fun games including egg and spoon races, wheelbarrow races, tug of war,

and dodgeball. Students also had the opportunity to test their athletic abilities on the track and field with 100m and 200m sprints, relay races, javelin, and shot-put. After all their hard work students enjoyed an ice-cream. A huge congratulations and thank you to the organising committee whose hard work, planning, and dedication brought this wonderful day to life.



## BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

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**Lucan Community College**  
 Esker Dr, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 TF67

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
**5:00pm - 8:30pm**

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at [giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) or call us on 1800 731 137

[giveblood.ie](http://giveblood.ie) Follow us for updates & news

## Coláiste Phádraigh

**Awards Night:** The annual Coláiste Phádraig Awards Night was held in the school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. The Sports Hall was once again packed, with over 600 people in attendance as parents, family, friends, students and staff gathered together to celebrate a whole host of award winners at the biggest and most anticipated event in the school calendar. In total, 330 awards were given out to 220 students across a broad spectrum of categories, the evening was a powerful celebration of the outstanding achievements, talents, and contributions of our student body throughout the school year. The opening awards were for academic excellence, with beautiful glass plaques presented to one student from each year group for each academic subject. The majority of awards on the night were non-academic, with awards for the BT Young Scientists, the Student Council, Mark O' Neill Student of the Month winners, Gaeilgeoirí na Míosa winners, Sports Stars of the Month winners, Class Tutor awards, ERST Student Committee, music, well-being and Gaisce awards, sports awards, effort and application, positive attitudes, co-operation and courtesy merits awards, Visual Art Creativity and homework awards to name but a selection of the awards!

**Calum Mackey** won the **Transition Year Student of the Year** Award in recognition of his fantastic all-round contributions to TY throughout the year. Calum fully embraced and embodied the spirit of TY and showed tremendous initiative at all times.

6<sup>th</sup> yr **Michael O' Brien** won the **Sports Star of the Year Award** in recognition of his outstanding displays for the school's senior hurling and Gaelic Football teams.

**Darragh Kane** won the overall **From Each, His Best** award, in recognition of giving of giving his best at all times in every aspect of school life.

6<sup>th</sup> yr **Evan Whelan** won the perpetual **Padraic Naughton** award, named after a former principal of Coláiste Phádraig, for his fantastic all-round contribution to school life throughout the year.

The main award of the night, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was won by 6th yr Dara Reilly, who got a sustained standing ovation from all in attendance. Dara, who won the TY Student of the Year in 2024, impressed his teachers and management with his maturity, impeccable manners, strong work-ethic, positivity, leadership qualities and helpfulness throughout the year. He was an outstanding prefect, always punctual, reliable, patient, calm and respectful. He was also heavily involved in the ERTS Student Council, which did so much tremendous work in the school during the year.

An enjoyable night was had by all and thanks to Ms. Farrell and Ms. O' Leary who did a great job introducing and presenting the awards throughout

the evening, to Ms. Casey for her fantastic work in distributing the awards.



*The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year Dara Reilly with his Year Head Ms. Farrell and principal Mr. O' Meara*

Many thanks also to Vivienne Ralph from Diamond & Gem Jewellers in Lucan who provided all of the awards for the ceremony and was a constant support right up until the last few frenzied hours (and minutes!) of preparation! Vivienne, as usual, went above and beyond, even turning her car around and going back to her shop after hours on Monday evening to make sure that some very late (emergency!) awards were prepared and engraved.

**Trips:** One of our 5<sup>th</sup> yr Irish classes enjoyed a memorable and well-deserved trip to Celbridge Snooker Hall last Tuesday, taking a break from the classroom for an afternoon of snooker, pool, and spoken Irish. The outing provided students with an excellent opportunity to relax, socialise, and practise their Irish in a fun and informal environment.



A major highlight of the day was meeting recently retired professional snooker player Fergal O'Brien, who generously gave his time to coach the students throughout the visit. Many students were completely new to the game, and Fergal's expert demonstrations of stance, cue control, bridging techniques, and spin shots offered a fascinating introduction to the skills and precision involved in snooker. Students then had the chance to put what they had learned into practice on both the full-size snooker tables and the smaller pool tables.

*Continued over.....*

## St. Joseph's College

### Public Access to Law

Well done to our Transition Year students who took part in the Public Access to Law National Competition on Saturday in the Criminal Courts of Justice. The students won 2 out of 3 of their cases and did the school proud. PAL is a transition year module that strives to make the workings of the legal system more accessible to the public and to students. Since 1997 PAL's large panel of practising barristers have presented the PAL visiting law module to transition year classes throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. This module also prepares teams interested in partaking in the PAL annual mock trials competition.

### Street Law AI workshop

Transition Year students and our AI student committee attended a Street Law AI workshop. Many thanks to Beauchamps Law firm for an insightful and engaging day. A "Street Law" Artificial Intelligence workshop is a public legal education program where law firms or practitioners visit secondary schools—such as recent sessions in Lucan—to teach students about the law and societal impacts of AI.



### Upcoming Events

- 6<sup>th</sup> year graduation dance – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30pm in Spa Hotel
- Term exam in school begin - Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

### Follow us on

**Instagram:** @stjosephscollegelucan

**Find us on our**

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



## Coláiste Phádraigh *continued.....*

**Trips:** Sincere thanks are extended to the staff at Celbridge Snooker Hall for their hospitality. Special appreciation is also due to Fergal, whose warmth, humour, encouragement, and generosity made the afternoon unforgettable for everyone involved.

**Soccer:** Hard luck to our senior soccer team, who were beaten 3-1 by Templeogue College last Monday in the Dublin Metropolitan Division 1 League Final. The game took place on the astro pitch at Crumlin United and, despite tremendous support for a huge number of our fans, who encouraged and backed the team throughout, Lucan just missed out on the day against a very strong Templeogue team. John Donoghue scored an excellent goal late on, but overall, the better team won.





WCI Lucan has had a very busy and positive start to 2026, bringing women together through creativity, wellbeing, learning, and connection across Lucan, Adamstown, Ballyowen, and Balgaddy.

We recently celebrated a wonderful International Women's Day event and would like to sincerely thank Carroll's Pub Lucan, Base Pizza, and Pranic Healer Katherine McKenna for their generous support and spot prizes.

We are currently enjoying a two-week workshop with Jasmine, a talented local woman running her own alterations business in Lucan, supporting women to learn new creative skills and confidence.

We had a fantastic evening with Michelle Kinsella 'A Masterclass in Confidence 2.0' with Michelle Kinsella, following on from last year's hugely successful workshop. Many thanks to all the women who continue to join and support these empowering events and programmes.

We would especially like to highlight two important initiatives currently running at WCI Lucan:

**Lucan Women's Needs Analysis Survey:** We are encouraging local women to complete our survey and have their say. This research is vital in helping us identify the needs of women in the area and strengthens our ability to lobby for the services and supports so desperately needed in Lucan.

**Empower Her DV Programme:** There are just **three** spaces remaining on this important programme, which gives women access to free domestic violence counselling and support: **089 600 9829**



[coordinator.lucan@womenscollective.ie](mailto:coordinator.lucan@womenscollective.ie)

**For more information, please contact Women's Collective Ireland Lucan:**

**Tel: 0838607947**

Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre, Castle Road, Ballyowen K78X6V9

*Empowering women through community, creativity, and lifelong learning.*



**Photographer in the making....**

**Odhran Keegan,** Coláiste Phádraigh Photographer of the Year, with his award.

## Lucan Library – May Events

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

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



## Children's Events in Lucan Library 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.



**Steam Session (Ages 6+)**



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 6pm.**

Make up a story with Lego!  
Build each scene to tell your tale.

Booking 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!

### Contact Details for Library

Phone: 01-6216422

Lucanlibrary@sdublinlibraries.ie

www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Eventbrite.ie/o/lucan-library-4590537389.

### Opening Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9.45 am – 8.00pm

Friday & Saturday 9.45 am- 4.30pm.



## ADULT EVENTS

### 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.



## 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**

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

## The Drought

by Anita O Kearney

An empty page sits pale before me  
no words or phrases come to mind  
it's like I've just been frozen  
stood still in frame and time

Nothing to share but loads all the while  
No clever words spring to mind  
No wit, no wisdom, no rhymes

It's a scary thought to have reached this  
place, perhaps it's writers block,  
and if I manage to make some sense it's  
usually quiet a shock

I usually scribble down some words and  
simply hope for the best  
fill in the blanks,  
dot the i's cross the t's,  
and let God do the rest

A Spiritual drought is what it is  
and there's just no cure  
as I write these few silly lines right now  
I'm really not so sure

It's all mumbo jumbo anyway to me  
I'm sure you will agree  
compulsion is a curse you see  
that just has to be set free

So forgive me for this nonsense poem  
for the well has truly run dry  
and at the very end you'll think not how  
but why?

Edward Lear has no fear  
of my poor attempts this day  
as I try to conjure up some poetry  
to match his wit and way

Perhaps I'll go to college  
to learn how to quench my thirst  
and continue with a searching soul  
until I get a first

So bear with me while I write this poem as  
one you might enjoy  
If nothing else it'll fill this space from now  
until July

I just don't think I can write anymore  
my stories have all been told  
no point in writing every month until I'm  
very old

But you'll never know until you try and try  
and try again  
that God might bless this weary mind and  
use me as his pen

So there it is, a drought no doubt  
no telling when it ends  
The ramblings of a mad woman  
or the hearts long struggle to mend.



MARYMOUNT  
CARE CENTRE

### CARING CONNECTIONS

'Supporting the journey of ageing together'

At Marymount, we host a monthly information and networking session to support Residents, family members and those in our community who are navigating the journey of ageing.

#### WHAT IS PALLIATIVE CARE?

This month, Una Molloy from St. Francis Hospice, will be holding an information evening on "What is Palliative care?". She will be giving insight on how it is not only for end-of-life care but is available alongside ongoing medical treatment while providing support and helpful information.

This is a wonderful opportunity to not only deepen your understanding, but also, to connect with others who are supporting loved ones through the ageing journey.

*Light refreshments will be served on the evening.*

Please note that places are limited to this free event and booking is essential.

Please contact reception on 01 820 4500 or email [foh@mmcc.ie](mailto:foh@mmcc.ie) to reserve your place.

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## Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!





## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May lotto jackpot of €11,800. The numbers drawn were **1, 2, 8 & 24. Lucky dip's** go to Therese Connolly, Kenneth Kearney, Ashley Delamere, Miriam O'Connor, Colm O'Mahony. This week's Lotto on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May will be for a jackpot of €12,200. This draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant and will be led by Frank Fleming.

Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



### Dublin LGFA

A massive congratulations to Paul Casey (Manager), Abby Shiels, Sophie McIntyre and Siobhan Bernie who were all part of the Dublin Ladies Football team who captured the Leinster title on Sunday afternoon in Croke Park. Well done to all involved and we wish you the best of luck on your quest to retain your All Ireland crown!!

### 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. Please share with anyone in the club who might be a good fit.

### Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

Our Golf Classic is officially sold out!

A huge thanks to everyone who entered — 64 teams are now set for what promises to be a brilliant day on the course!

We're creating a waiting list for any additional entries.

Want your name on the course without swinging a club? Sponsor a tee box for €100 or two for €150 and join those club members who have been longtime supporters of our Golf Classic fundraiser. 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, Ruth Langton 086-823 1139, Darren Lancaster 087-21345.



### 25 Card Drive

The final game of the Club's 25 Card Drive for the 2025/2026 season took place last Friday night 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 with an accumulator of €450 on offer. Congratulations to the winner, Bill Ryan, with a total of **61** games and to the runner-up, Christy Corrigan, with a total of **53** games. Congratulations to Brendan Freeman who won a hamper and to the other raffle prize winners.

Many thanks to all 27 players who competed over the season for their support of this Club event – we would love to see more players joining when play resumes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2026.

New players will be very welcome. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for information.

### 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.**

### 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!!**



**LUCAN SARSFIELDS SUMMER CAMPS**

Proudly sponsored by **KEANE** (Wholesale & Dairy)

**JULY**  
CLUB CAMP 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
CAMPA SUBMISSION 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>

**AUGUST**  
CLUB CAMP 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>  
CLUB CAMP 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>  
(BOOKING OPENS 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL ON CLUBSAP/QR CODE)

**CUL CAMP**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> JULY  
(BOOKING OPENS 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL ON CUL CAMPS WEBSITE)

10AM - 3PM DAILY BORN 2014 - 2022

QR code for booking

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

## Doddsboro Golfers

Friday 15th May 2026

Results (53 Played)

### Members

Michael Downes (Snr)	36 (BB9)	1st
Cian Rankin	36	2nd
Larry Weldon	35 (BB9)	3rd
Wayne Dignam	35	4th
Brian Croke	34	5th
Ronan Allen	33	6th
Pat O'Toole	32 (BB9)	7th
Stephen Dignam	32 (BB9)	8th
Davy Byrne	32 (BB9)	9th
Sellers Rankin	32	10th
Dermot Doherty	31	11th
Mark Henry	30 (BB9)	12th
Niall Rankin	30 (BB9)	13th
Mick Rankin	30	14th
Joe Curtis	29	15th

### Visitors

Mick Dunne	42	1st
Declan McManus	39 (BB9)	2nd
Larry Downes	39	3rd
Ben Mullins	38 (BB9)	4th
Pat Flannery	38	5th
Robbie Murray	37	6th
John Hoverty	36	7th
Maurice Thompson	35 (BB9)	8th
Steven Curtis	35 (BB9)	9th
Mick Doyle	35	10th
Gerard Byrne	34	11th
Donal Keating	33 (BB9)	12th
Gerry Light	33 (BB9)	13th
John Keating	32 (BB9)	14th
Stuart Clarke	32	15th

**Nearest The Pin:** Declan McManus

**Longest Drive:** Ben Mullins

### A Big Thank you to all our sponsors

- Stuart Clarke
- Joe Curtis
- Martin Dobbs
- Mick Doyle
- Patrick Dunne
- Pat Flannery
- Mark Henry
- Christy O Toole
- Lucan Golf Club.



## Want to try Kayaking?



Lucan Kayak Club in collaboration with Canoeing Ireland Training Centre, is running an evening beginner kayaking course for adults this June. The course features a Level 2 Kayak Skills assessment, which you'll need before joining a club.

For more information, check out the Lucan Kayak Club Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057363584766>

## Hospital Bus More Information

There are areas in Lucan that more badly served by the bus to Blanchardstown Hospital. Areas around Esker Lane, Arthur Griffith Park, and Old Forge to mention a few, need to take three buses to get to their local hospital and the time it takes with waiting etc in all types of weather, and many haven't sons, daughters or neighbours available to take them there. Hospital users are mainly elderly or disabled and route designing must be called into question. These planners should be more considerate when designing such routes. This hospital link from all areas of Lucan could be linked with one bus route and address all the existing problems. Bringing in an extra bus company didn't rush to solve this long, drawn-out problem.



Do we care much about our elderly or disabled?

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



## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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### Age Friendly/Right Sizing Information Session

**Lucan Library:** The Council is developing 5 age-friendly apartments at Sarsfield Park and 68 at Somerton Gate expected complete Q2/2026. SDCC Housing team will host an Information Session in Lucan Library on Wednesday 27 May at 11am. This session is for people aged 55+ considering a move to a home that better suits their needs. There will be an opportunity to speak with the housing team and to view a new age-friendly apartment at Somerton Gate. Register at EventBrite search Right Sizing.

### Local Community Safety Partnership:

Strong attendance at last Thursday's public meeting in Tallaght Stadium, with good turnout from Lucan and Adamstown. Residents raised key concerns including anti-social behaviour and park safety. Please continue to contact me with concerns, ideas and your feedback on community safety. I will keep you updated as work progresses.

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

*Working with Cllr Helen Farrell*

*"Not just at election time"*

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### Lucan Rezoning get past first stage:

South Dublin County Council has basically ignored thousands of submissions and recommended continuing to rezone multiple thousands of additional houses worth of land including Adamstown, St Edmundsbury, Foxhunter and Finnstown. Only Councillors now have the power to reverse these rezonings in an area where 10,000 homes are due to be built already with no real infrastructure tied in. This is an existential threat to an area already massively damaged by gridlock and lacking in amenities. This requires MASSIVE pressure from residents to influence Cllrs and their colleagues from further afield. Don't say nobody told you.

### Drop-in briefing on rezonings next Saturday:

Helen and I will be at the Earl Bistro, Spa Hotel, next Saturday 30th from 9am-12pm. Drop in at any time. Tea/coffee on us.

## Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

*Working with Paul Gogarty, TD*

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### Rezoning in Lucan – The Final Countdown:

On Wednesday 20 May, South Dublin County Council issued councillors with the Chief Executive's final recommendations on lands for rezoning (Variation No. 2 to the County Development Plan 2022–2028). The report runs to

882 pages and includes 57 recommendations, which can be found by searching "CE Recommendation." All 40 councillors will vote on these in mid-June, likely across multiple meetings. Councillors can now submit motions to amend the proposals. Overall, there appear to be few changes from the original rezoning proposals, apart from added conditions and requirements for phased planning and some requirements linked to the rezoning process. Come along to our drop-in session in Earl Bistro, Spa Hotel, 9-12pm Sat 30 May to discuss the issues further with myself and Paul Gogarty, TD.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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[Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie)

**Summer Fair in Lucan:** St Andrew's Church of Ireland Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 12-pm-4pm. Best of luck to all involved.

### Funding Opportunities for Local Clubs:

Two national grant schemes are now open - the new Sports Capital Grant and a new grant for cultural clubs such as choirs and theatre groups. For information on the application process please email me.

**Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps:** My Department and the HSE have teamed up with Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps to establish a national partnership supporting children with additional needs attending the camp this summer. Best of luck to all involved with Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps in Sarsfield this summer.

**Aura Leisure Centre:** Delighted to see such a buzz in Aura Leisure Centre from a busy gym, swimming lessons and lots of extra activities including gymnastics, boxing and yoga.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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### Proposed Rezoning Lands Across Lucan:

This week I received the Chief Executive's Report in relation to Proposed Variation No.2 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022–2028. The report is extremely detailed running to hundreds of pages, and I am currently working through the sections relating specifically to the Lucan area. Over the coming days I will continue engaging with residents, local groups and community stakeholders to examine the recommendations and prepare potential amendments ahead of the upcoming Special Council Meeting. Particular focus will now be placed on lands and proposals affecting the wider Lucan area including Adamstown West, Finnstown Castle Hotel lands, St. Edmundsbury, Foxhunter and other proposed zoning areas. Future growth must be properly planned alongside the delivery of essential transport, community and strategic infrastructure needed to support existing and future communities locally.

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## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It is six years since St. Mary's Camera Soiree was asked by the Newsletter team to submit photos to the Newsletter and by a rough calculation about 1,300 of their photos have been published in that period. The photos are still coming and first up this week is a photo of a mural of Sir David Attenborough that Joe spotted in Arklow. The whole world knows that Sir David celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026. There was a gala birthday concert for him in the Royal Albert Hall on that evening in London! The mural in Arklow is by Kayde who is a Dublin based visual artist and animator.



Anna has shared some more of the photos she took on her recent trip to Taiwan. The gold-coloured horse on your yacht seems a bit over the top but in Taiwanese culture the colour gold represents wealth, power and prestige. The rather intimidating statue is the guardian of the gods in a temple and the tree is a Banyan tree. Due to the complex structure of the roots and extensive branching, the banyan is used as a subject specimen in bonsai. The oldest living bonsai in Taiwan is a 240-year-old banyan tree.



Rose spotted a colourful plant growing at the bus stop at St. Joseph's lay-by which, she reports, has a beautiful smell. Kay thinks that it is a Euphorbia Redwing!



*Stay safe until next week!*