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**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

## **We Didn't Know!**

Whenever we hear discussion about the Holocaust of World War II, we cry out that we didn't know or the world would have done something! REALLY! Today we hear of thousands of babies who will be deprived of baby formula because transportation of goods is not permitted into Hamas. Babies die within hours of deprivation of food or water or basic hygiene needs. Their mothers cannot feed the babies themselves as their own bodies are depleted and in want of necessary hydration and nutrition also. What is our excuse today that we can tell future generations about why our adult generation did nothing to try to save the tiny, innocent and defenceless babies of Hamas?

Today, if we don't know it is because we choose not to know by our choice of media platforms. We have more information today than ever before so that all we need to do is look from the perspective of the most vulnerable as we listen to and watch the atrocities. Dr Mike Ryan of WHO warned two years ago that unhindered access to bring humanitarian aid to the warring territories was a basic need in time of war so that the injured might be healed and the hungry fed. In more recent times access has closed to such aid entering with it almost certainly guaranteeing that every baby will die as their needs are of such an urgent nature! The life of every baby born in the last 18 months will be taken unless urgent action is taken. This can only be perceived as genocide in the deliberate destruction of infants in the region.

Individuals might have little power beyond making financial contributions, speaking about the situation so that nobody has the excuse not to know and contributing time and talents as aid workers. One of our greatest power lies in speaking to politicians and in electing candidates who represent true human and enduring values rather than for what material goods they might provide us in the short term. A second power is that of choosing to inform ourselves fully and comprehensively. We are a global village and in over-looking the most vulnerable, no matter where they live, we dehumanise ourselves as well as those whom we choose to ignore.

As we look at the international stage on which our world leaders stand, capitalism and autocratic leadership seek only for power and profit, with no hesitation about taking from what is rightfully owned by a languishing nation in return for a shabby defence. How is this reflected in what we seek in our own lives on a micro scale! What are we teaching our children by our words and actions today? What will be said of us in fifty years? The very least that we can do is ensure that we have the right information and that we each do something, no matter how small.

*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

## Disabled Person's Parking Card or Permit

You can apply for a parking permit to allow you to park in disabled parking spaces in Ireland and the EU if you are a person with severe restricted mobility or are certified as blind.

The permit is available if you are a driver or passenger of a vehicle. It is valid for 2 years from the issue date.

The scheme is run in Ireland by the Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland (DDAI) and the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA).

It costs €35 to apply and you can apply online to the IWA or the DDAI. They will ask you some questions to check if you qualify and then send you an application form by email or post.

The parking permit is known as the Disabled Person's Parking Card or Permit and the EU Parking Card for People with disabilities.

### Check if you qualify

You can apply for a card if you are a person with severe restricted mobility or are certified as blind.

*You will need one of the following:*

Have your medical practitioner or consultant certify that you meet the medical and mobility criteria.



Hold a Primary Medical Certificate. If so, you will automatically qualify, but you still need to apply for the card.

Be certified blind by Vision Ireland (formally National Council for the Blind), a GP, Ophthalmologist or Optician. You will still need to apply for the card.

You can check if you are eligible on the Disabled Drivers Association of Ireland website or the Irish Wheelchair Association website.

### How to apply for a Primary Medical Certificate

You must apply for the Primary Medical Certificate through your Local Health Office. A Primary Medical Card is very useful as you can use it for other related benefits such as to exempt yourself from paying VAT, motor tax and Vehicle Registration Tax.

### How to use the parking card

You can use the card in any vehicle you are travelling in, either as a passenger or driver. This means you can bring the card with you and display it in the vehicle that you are driving or travelling in.

You can park in assigned disabled person's parking spaces. These spaces have the wheelchair symbol painted on the ground or have a sign with a symbol displayed.

### How to display your parking card

You must have a valid card displayed on your vehicle windshield to use a disabled parking space. The card will show your signature and photograph.

### Travelling abroad

You can use the card when you travel within the EU. Make sure to bring your card with you.

It is an offence to park a vehicle in a disabled parking space unless you have a valid card. - more information on our website.

### Where to apply

#### Disabled Drivers Association

Parking Card Section, Ballindine, Clarendon Road, Mayo, Ireland

Tel: (094) 936 4054/4266 or (01) 8103794

Homepage: <http://www.ddai.ie/>

Email: [parkingcard@ddai.ie](mailto:parkingcard@ddai.ie)

#### Irish Wheelchair Association

Áras Cúchulainn, Blackheath Drive, Clontarf Dublin 3, D03 AW62/ Tel: +353 1 818 6400

Homepage: <http://www.iwa.ie>

Email: [info@iwa.ie](mailto:info@iwa.ie)

## Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills.



Our next meeting is on Thursday 29th May at 7:45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact

[vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.

### Thursday 29th May 2025, 7:45pm Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

- Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?
- Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?
- Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet two Thursdays of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, May 29th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com)

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



**Baby & Toddler:** Our Baby & Toddler Group takes place on Monday 11-12.30. Feel free to pop in for a chat and a tea with other caregivers while your child gets to have fun.

**Active over 55's:** Our over 55's have been taking part in the Bealtaine Festival. There are some wonderful art pieces coming out of the group and people are discovering some hidden talents.

**Volunteer's:** As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

**Room Booking:** Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.

## CHARITY DOG WALK

In aid of

**Kildare Animal Foundation**

**Sunday 25 May at 12 noon**

*Venue: Donadea Forest Park.*

*W91 VK59*

*Meet in carpark.*

*Barrier will be open  
from 11am -12 noon*



**Donations can be given to our  
volunteers on the day.**

**ALL WELCOME** even if you don't have a dog.

*(All dogs on lead please)*

## Garden Open Day in aid of LauraLynn



**@ 43 Beech Grove, Lucan  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
10.30am – 4.30pm**

Joe & Áine Clayton 086 0561497

LauraLynn is Ireland's only Children's Hospice,  
providing palliative and hospice care  
and support for children with life-limiting  
conditions and their families from all across Ireland.

## Esler Active Retirement Association

Esler Active Retirement meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan.

Members play various card games, bowls and scrabble. We organise day trips for members while the club is closed for summer months, and already planning our autumn 4 day break.

New members always welcome, just drop in for a chat any Wednesday.

## St Mary's, Lucan

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

### Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the girls from *Scoil Mhuire G.N.S.* who make their First Holy Communion this Saturday and the pupils of *St Andrew's N.S.* and *Educate Together N.S.'s* who will make their First Communion this Sunday.



### Confirmation

Best wishes to the pupils of *St Andrew's N.S.* and *Educate Together N.S.'s* who will make their Confirmation this Saturday.

*Please remember them all in your prayers*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

**Confessions:** Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

**Legion of Mary:** Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

**Rosary:** The Rosary will be said at the Grotto outside the Church each evening for the month of May at 6.30pm Monday to Friday.  
*All are welcome, Legion of Mary*

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** We meet 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. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

**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.

**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.

**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.*

**St. Mary's Readers' Roster June:** The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of June 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.



**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.

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

### St. Vincent de Paul:

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS Saturday/ Sunday 24th/25th May.**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

### Mass for Students who are sitting examinations

All students who are sitting exams shortly are invited to

**12 noon Mass**

**on Sunday 1 June**

**in St Patrick's Parish Church**

**and in St Mary's Parish Church.**

We pray that you may know & feel God's presence with you during the exams and that God will guide you in decisions that you are making.

(There will be other intentions prayed for at this Mass also.)





## 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 at 10am.

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



### First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the boys and girls from **St Thomas's J.N.R.** who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



**Baptisms in St Patrick'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.

**Adoration:** Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

**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.

**Tea/Coffee:** Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

**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

**THIS** Saturday 24th May

**Bus leaves**

St Joseph's Lay-by:

**8.15am**

St Patrick's Church, Esker **8.30am**

The Statue at Dodsboro **8.45am**

Marie T. Anderson 087 269 1786

Marie McBride 087 122 6766.



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

### Confirmation

Best Wishes to the pupils of **Divine Mercy Senior N.S.** who will make their Confirmation this coming week.

*Please remember them 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.

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

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

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

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

**Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

### Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

**Medjugorje: Every Thursday.**

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

**7.30pm:** Holy Mass.

**After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction.

**8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions

**8.50m** Benediction. *All welcome*

### Vocations Society of St. Joseph:

(formerly St. Joseph's Young Priests Society)

**Important notice. Vocations Society of St. Joseph's change of day and time.**

**We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45 am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.**

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members.

**Our next meeting is on the Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May after 9.15 Mass.**

*Everybody is welcome to attend.*

# Anniversary

**Breeda Sullivan**

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

In loving memory of Breeda.

*Dearly loved and sadly missed by  
your husband, family, relations and friends.*



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St Mary's Conference, Lucan

For assistance, phone: 01 8550022  
or email: [info@svp.ie](mailto:info@svp.ie)

## Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025 St. Mary's and St. Patrick's



On the 11<sup>th</sup> May a group of parishioners plus people from other parts of Ireland (50 in total) set off for Lourdes. Some returning after a number of years and others for the first time. We were met at the airport by Kieran (our excellent guide from Myriam Tours). A very mixed group but we quickly gelled.

We had Mass each day celebrated by Fr Philip and Fr Samuel. We remembered all our parishioners at each Mass and at the Stations of the Cross. We took part in the

International Mass, Blessed Sacrament Procession and the beautiful torch light procession. You have to see and take part to really appreciate it.



Our hotel was lovely and very close to the sanctuary which was really handy. The weather was pleasant with a few showers, making it very comfortable to get around.

We had a fantastic few days and returned home via Bilbao. On route we had Mass in St Vincent's Church in San Sebastian, which was a beautiful city with magnificent buildings and churches.



*Right: Fr Philip, Sr Geraldine and Sr Mary outside one such church.*

On a sad note, on the last night Fr Philip announced he was moving on to Celbridge in July. To say we were shocked was an understatement. But we wish him well and thank him for his spiritual guidance and friendship on this pilgrimage and since he arrived in Lucan, eleven years ago.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 21st May we had a musical morning with *The Rams* from Newcastle.



The Parish Centre was rocking. Walking sticks and crutches were abandoned, arms raised and hips swinging. We saw more miracles than we saw in Lourdes last week!



A very enjoyable and memorable morning was had by all. We look forward to a return visit.

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May:

Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

We have a talk on wellbeing from Anita, from HSE.

*New members always welcome!*



## Minder & Toddler Group

Thursdays

in

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

*All Welcome!*



## Happy Big Birthday

to **Barbara**

on the 28th May.

*Hope you have a very special day.*



## 23rd Dublin, Lucan Scouts Group – Summer Fund Raising

The Lucan Scouts are launching their annual fund raising beginning this weekend 23rd – 25th May. The Scout groups cater for all ages from 6 years up to young adult with up to 100 members.



Please support the bag packing event in SuperValu Lucan this weekend OR watch out for the posters around the village containing the QR code to donate.

All Funds go to the Lucan Scouts group supporting replacing equipment tents, cooking gear and utensils. This equipment is used by the 4 Scouts sections during their week and weekend events.

## People's Art & Craft Fair Lucan

in

### Canon Despard Centre

Chapel Hill,  
Lucan, K78YX96

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
11am - 5pm



Please come along,  
support local Artists and Crafters,  
enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust  
(supporting Homelessness)

email [peoplesartlucan@gmail.com](mailto:peoplesartlucan@gmail.com)



MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

## CARING CONNECTIONS

'SUPPORTING THE JOURNEY OF AGEING TOGETHER'

### What to expect?

Monthly information sessions on topics such as:

- Coping with dementia
- Understanding Assisted Decision Making Process
- Navigating the Fair Deal process
- Professional support each session
- Palliative Care
- Frailty in the older person.
- ... to mention a few

To register your interest to attend please contact reception on 018204500

Light refreshments will be served

*'Each evening is a chance to take a breath, gain clarity and feel supported'*

**Our Second Session**  
"What is Palliative Care?"  
Guest speaker: Una Molloy  
St Francis Hospice

29<sup>th</sup> of May 7pm to 9pm

**In our Marymount Education Centre**

(01) 820 4500

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

Westmanstown,  
Lucan, Co. Dublin

## Lucan Lions Club

### Cycle Spinathon

Many thanks to all who supported our Cycle Spinathon in SuperValu on Saturday 3 May. We are most grateful to SuperValu for facilitating the event which was a great success. We had a large crew of volunteers, cyclists and representatives from the Lucan Special Olympics Club. As usual, we really appreciate the loyal SuperValu customers who contributed so generously on the day. The proceeds from the event will be presented to the Lucan Special Olympics Club in the coming weeks to help with the further development of the Club.



### New Members

Lucan Lions Club always welcome new members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Spa Hotel at 8.00 pm. For further information visit our website [www.lucanlionsclub.com](http://www.lucanlionsclub.com)

Mattie McCabe PRO







# SCHOOL NEWS



## Lucan Community College

**Essay Competition:** Well done to our 7 TY students in the final of the National Grainne O'Neill Essay Competition - Oisin, Naomi, Cosmin, Kayla, Max, Mary and Donagh. Everyone was presented with a certificate on the night. Donagh and Mary were awarded a merit medal for their entries. Great to see students get involved and to try something creative. Well done to everyone!



## Glasnevin Cemetery, 5th year History Tour

5th years had a very interesting day exploring some key personalities on the Leaving Certificate course such as Charles Stuart Parnell, James Larkin and William Martin Murphy. They also had a look inside Daniel O'Connell's crypt. The tour in Glasnevin Cemetery is very informative and steeped in history. A brilliant day out!



## Teacher V Student Games:

One of the most anticipated yearly traditions at our school is the Students vs. Teachers games - with both soccer and dodgeball on the schedule this year. The students came out on top in both games, showing impressive teamwork, determination, and just a bit of bragging rights! This event is about coming together, having fun, and celebrating the end of another great year. It's a reminder that school isn't just about the classroom—it's also about connection, joy, and shared experiences. Best of luck to our class of 2025 in their exams in June and Best Wishes for the future.



## St. Joseph's College

**Scifest 2025:** A massive well done to second year students Fina O'Connor, Aimee Sherriff and Isabelle Van Aesch as they performed excellently at the recent Scifest event at TUD Grangegorman. Their project entitled 'Aquaponics? Is it more efficient for plant growth than soil-based methods?' was displayed and presented superbly. The students received the Life Sciences and Sustainability award on the day.



**Ceist Leadership Conference:** Recently Student Council members Ruby Bell Curran, Elaine Jimmy and Rachel Guest attended the Ceist Student Leadership Conference at St Patricks College, DCU. In the conference the students learned about the values of Ceist and the traditions and history of the Ceist Trust. On return to the school the students can then relay these messages to other members of the Council so they can be spread throughout the school.

**Darkness into Light:** Well done to all the students and staff who took part in Darkness into Light last Saturday. The school raised over €1600 for Pieta House, a brilliant charity. St Josephs had nearly 100 early risers in St Catherine's Park for the walk. It was a great morning where spirits were high and jovial amongst the people taking part.

**Second Green Flag:** A celebratory day this week as Sandra and Sharon travelled to the Helix to collect our second green flag. They were representing our green school committee who were awarded the water flag for water conservation. Well done to all our students who helped us conserve water this year.

**Clothing Collection:** There will be a clothing collection hosted by the St Joseph's Parents Association this Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 12pm. Location: St Joseph's school lay by.



**CLOTHING COLLECTION EVENT**

**Saturday, 24th May**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Lay-by at St. Joseph's School**

Have a clear-out and help a good cause! We're collecting clean, reusable clothing and textiles – all donations welcome!

**Thank you for your support!** ❤️

**PAL mock trials:** We had a fantastic performance in the recent Public Access to Law mock trials in the Central Criminal Courts. The students were brilliant on the day and qualified for the final of the competition. Unfortunately in a tight decision our team were just on the wrong side of the final verdict. . 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. However, it was not all bad news for our brilliant team of students on the day as, as a result of their finishing position in the competition they have qualified for a trip to Chicago to represent Ireland in the International competition.

**Sixth year Graduation dance:** Our 6<sup>th</sup> year class of 2025 graduation dinner dance will take place this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30 pm in the Springfield Hotel.

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**Follow Us on Instagram:** @stjosephscollegeluca  
**Find us on our Website:** [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)



## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Awards Night:** The annual Coláiste Phádraig Awards Night was held in the school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Sports Hall was once again packed, with over 550 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, over 270 awards were given out to 215 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.



*BT Young Scientists*

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 awards, well-being awards, Green Schools, 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!

**6<sup>th</sup> yr Alex D'Alba** won the coveted **Ryan McKeown Perpetual Shield** for outstanding contribution to English class throughout the year.

Transition Year student Derry Ware held off some fierce competition from Jack McCarthy and Simon Sunday to claim the **Sports Star of the Year Award** in recognition of his outstanding displays for the school's u16 and senior hurling and Gaelic Football teams.

**Andrei Costa** and **Leo Jordan** were joint winners of the **Transition Year Student of the Year Award** in recognition of their fantastic all-round contributions to TY throughout the year. Both students fully embraced and embodied the spirit of TY as they planned and organised a huge range of school activities and events on their own initiative. They developed personally, socially and academically during the year and both were outstanding ambassadors for the school throughout their involvement with TY.

**Cole Keenan Feary, Danny O' Leary, Ben Biju, Jayron Sarmiento** and **Enda Walsh** all won **From Each, His Best** awards for their year groups in recognition of giving of their best at all times in every aspect of school life, while Enda also won the overall award, for which he received the beautiful perpetual trophy.

**Blake McEntee, Daniel McDevitt, Rory O' Connor, Evan Whelan, Cillian Lawlor** and **Adam Salmon** all won **Padraic Naughton** awards for their various year groups, with Cillian and Adam winning the overall **perpetual award** for their fantastic all-round contribution to school life throughout the year.



*Adam Salmon and Cillian Lawlor Padraic Naughton winners with Mr. O' Meara*

The main award of the night, **The Tommy Brennan Student of the Year**, was won by 6<sup>th</sup> yr David Farrelly, who got a sustained standing ovation from all in attendance.

David has impressed his teachers and management with his maturity, impeccable manners, strong work-ethic, positivity, leadership qualities and helpfulness throughout the year. He was a brilliant prefect; respectful, punctual, trustworthy, patient, reliable, courteous and authoritative when needed. He was a shining example of effective leadership, initiative and responsibility.

David is a very talented musician who has been a loyal and committed member of the school's Music Club since its inception.

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## Even the Young....

Even the Young are frightened and tired of  
all this talk of War  
Even the Young ones of today are asking  
what's all the fighting for

Even the Young sit and think in the quietness  
of their souls, what's becoming of our world,  
will I even get to grow old

Even the Young tire from the  
scaremongering from all us adults, aw it was  
better in my day we'd say, not minding little  
ears around us

Even the Young are being influenced by  
other people's views,  
the screens they stare at day and night  
transmitting hate and false news

Even the Young deserve a chance just like  
you and I  
The climate change is real they say, how  
terrifying to a child

Even the Young need to feel hope, look  
forward to life and strive, the world was  
always like this we just need to find ways to  
survive

Even the Young deserve our care our wisdom  
is ours to share

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS *cont'd.....*

He is so kind, friendly and encouraging to the  
younger members of the club, always willing to  
offer guidance, support and encouragement.

His involvement in the Student Council also  
showcased his dedication to making a positive  
impact on our school community.



*David Farrelly with principal Mr. O' Meara*

Although he is a softly-spoken, reasonably shy  
young man, David's voice was impactful and  
influential at meetings. He listened to the

*By Anita O Kearney*

Even the Young will make mistakes it's all  
part of life, the pressures from society to have  
a husband or a wife

Even the Young will dream of buying their  
first home, it was easier years ago those days  
are surely gone

The young they need us to be strong to help  
them journey along, tell them the world is  
good sometimes, we just need to stop them  
wars

Community has always been the way, the  
backbone of our survival, maybe it's our  
nature, something primitive or tribal

Even the Young have eyes to see, they need  
to understand  
That when God created this beautiful world  
he placed it in our hands.

Even the Young....

They need our prayers

Lead them guide the way, show them all the  
world to see, possibilities and great places  
Paint a picture of what's to come, excitement  
and adventure and put a smile again today  
upon all those little faces.



concerns and requests of his fellow students and  
advocated for meaningful change, often resulting  
in positive action and improvements in the daily  
lives of our students. He has been wonderful asset  
to our school community in his six years with us  
and he was a worthy winner of the Tommy  
Brennan Student of the Year Award 2025.

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  
preparing, collecting and distributing the awards,  
and to Ms. Ryan who helped with the artwork, the  
stage arrangements and the photography area set  
up. Thanks also to our caretakers Noel and John  
for setting up the stage for the important week of  
Awards and Graduations.

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!



**Nice drop of rain** for the grass and flowers this past week! A little break from it would be welcome once again as we look to Summer.....

**Blue Floral display.....**



Beautiful Blue display at the Lucan side of the footbridge near Tesco! Not too sure what it is, but it has been suggested that it is a *California Lilac* – perhaps someone who knows their plants could let us know.....

### **Secondary School days at an end for some!**

It seems that most Leaving Cert students have finished their formal schooling, and are taking the next week or so to prepare for the big exam. As we elder lemons know, the exams will come and go, and life will go on, so don't be too hard on yourselves – take it easy!

### **Wouldn't it be nice.....**

If more people just said 'Hello', or even nodded when passing – simply to acknowledge another human being! It would brighten up everyone's day!

## **Lucan ICA**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May:

Members are continuing to work on their Chicken Scratching cushion and are enjoying the craft.

**Tea Hostesses** are: Ann Beales and Ann Byrne.

We thank our teacher, Breda Bohan for all her help and expertise. She will be back another day to check on our projects.

We will not be open on June 2<sup>nd</sup> as it is a Bank Holiday.



### **Older people need your support!**

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and

support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

**Barnardos**  
Because childhood lasts a lifetime

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you enthusiastic, outgoing and fun? We're looking for YOU!  
Barnardos fundraising team have a number of exciting events planned this year. As we are inviting you to become a volunteer with us and with your support we can create a safe space for children to learn, grow and thrive.

**Who, what, where?**  **Scan to complete our volunteer form**

**Riverdance**  
Volunteer collectors needed to shake buckets outside the Gaiety Theatre over the 12-hour Riverdance-athon. Shifts generally 4 hours.  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 10pm

**Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**  
We need volunteers to support with water stations, marshalling & registrations, among other roles. The cycle starts and ends in Killarney, with volunteers stationed along the route and at pit stops at Cahirciveen and Kenmare.  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - All Day

**Barnardos Giving Day**  
Volunteer collectors needed to support in 3 collection locations - Liffey Valley Shopping Centre, Dublin; Crescent Shopping Centre, Doonadale, Limerick; and Mahon Point Shopping Centre, Cork. Shift generally 4 hours.  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5pm - 9pm

**GIVING DAY**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THESE EVENTS OR FUTURE EVENTS, PLEASE EMAIL: [VOLUNTEERS@BARNARDOS.IE](mailto:VOLUNTEERS@BARNARDOS.IE) STATING THE EVENT IN THE SUBJECT LINE.**

For all of these events, supervision and support will be provided. Suitable for age 16 and above.

## The Retreat

Another event that was very special to village life was the annual retreat. The retreat lasted for two weeks, the first week for the women of the parish, the second for the men. Mass was at 6am and the evening sermon at 8pm.

One never knew in advance the subject matter of the following night, with one exception, the night the sermon was to be on 'company keeping'. With that subject you were given prior notice.

As Lucan was a very rural area in those days, most of the courting was done in gateways, which at the time were very numerous around the village. Prior to the opening of the retreat it was not uncommon for Fr. Hooke and the Missioner to do a walk around the known courting posts late at evening. I recall this advice being handed down from the pulpit from a Jesuit Missioner during his sermon on company keeping, "Men, if you have to do your courting in gateways, the correct position to adapt for this purpose is for the man to stand on one side of the gate and the young lady to stand on the other side, and on no account should the man allow the raging lion out of his cage!"

The missions were usually given by the Jesuits or the Dominicans. They used different techniques to spell out their message. The Dominicans would pace up and down in front of the altar as they delivered their sermon, the Jesuits would deliver their sermons from the pulpit. The Jesuits were well known for their fire and brimstone sermons, and they had their audience trembling in their seats. Their last dramatic gesture would be to thump the cushion that covered the top of the pulpit. What the Missioner was not aware of was that Little Joe who cleaned the church was unable to reach up that high to clean the cushion and the result was that at the dramatic climax of his sermon, the Missioner was enveloped in a cloud of dust, which caused him to break into a fit of coughing and sneezing, and the sermon somewhat lost the impact the Missioner had been building up to.

*From Some Lucan Memories by Kevin Murray 1929 – 1995*

## How times change .....

Kevin was the son of the Village Blacksmith, Jack Murray.

He virtually grew up in the forge which was at the side of the present Courtneys Pub, and had a wonderful knowledge of all people and all things local.



**Some Lucan Memories** published posthumously, tell of a Lucan from another era, and in the book, Kevin brings out the humour in potentially very comical instances, though they were far from funny back in the day!

The memories are from a time when people 'knew their place' in society, when the church and the long arm of the law were in charge!

And people didn't really mind – it was the norm back then!

I've heard it said that looking back is a different country!  
How true!

## Hospice Sunflower Days

### Can you spare an hour or two for Hospice Sunflower Days?

Sunflower Days is one of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services most important fundraising events of the year!

- Our volunteers will be returning to shopping centres all over South Dublin on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- We are currently recruiting volunteers for South Dublin – a few hours can make all the difference!



Please contact 01 4911072 or [fundraising@olh.ie](mailto:fundraising@olh.ie)



# POLITICAL NOTES

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### Potholes – Airlie Heights:

The council have responded positively to my request to have two potholes inspected and included for the necessary repair works. This is just one of a number of local issues brought to my attention during a recent engagement with residents on the doors.

### Tree Pruning – Woodview Heights & Airlie Heights:

Following some queries, the council have confirmed with me that Woodview Heights is listed for maintenance as part of the current Tree Maintenance Programme. The adjoining estate of Airlie Heights is being considered for the next programme. I have however, drawn attention to concerns over the height of some trees overhanging homes.

### Community Engagements:

The Sinn Féin team and I have just completed St Finian's estate. We have commenced a 'courtesy canvas' with residents in Arthur Griffith Park and will be in Sarsfield Park before long.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD

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### Free HRT:

I welcome the agreement between the Department of Health and the Irish Pharmacy Union, which allows the HRT initiative to move forward with the support of pharmacists nationwide. From 1st June 2025, women will be able to access HRT medicines and products from participating pharmacies, free of charge. This is an important step for women's health.

The HSE will also introduce a new pharmacy finder tool online, helping women locate their nearest participating pharmacy.

### Recycle IT – Tesco Lucan, 9th June:

Following the success of previous collections, Cllr. Caroline Brady and I are hosting a free electrical recycling event on Monday 9th June, 9:30am–12pm, at Tesco Lucan Car Park. You can bring along any item with a plug or battery for recycling. This event is supported by Recycle IT and South Dublin County Council.

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Working with Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy (Palmerstown-Fonthill)

### Lucan Luas:

I raised the need for the Lucan Luas in the Dáil last week. I was pleased to learn that the Emerging Preferred Route is expected to go to consultation next year. I was also pleased to learn that, after intensive lobbying, that the Department is considering the potential for accelerated delivery of the project as part of the upcoming NDP review. I will continue to drive political momentum on an essential piece of infrastructure.

### Castle Road lighting:

I was very pleased to see installation of new lights at the entrance to Rochfort Downes recently - something I pursued as a councillor. I am also happy to see the long overdue replacement light on Castle Road outside Earlsfort which I requested last year.

## Cllr Jacqueline Sheehy - Fianna Fáil Palmerstown-Fonthill

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### Earlsfort clean-up:

Congratulations and well done to the residents in Earlsfort on the recent clean-up in their estate. The work pays off and it is great to see volunteers taking pride in where they live. If your resident's group would like assistance with a clean-up, please let me know and I can organise materials to assist.

### Ballyowen Lane:

I will be organising a clean-up of the Ballyowen Lane area over the coming weeks. If you are interested in getting involved, please let me know.

### Darkness into Light:

Congratulations to all the volunteers and organisers of Darkness into Light events last weekend. So much effort goes into these events, and it is great to see such a strong response from the community.

*Political Notes continued over.....*

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### Anti-social behaviour: what you can do

Use the QR code to read my full piece on what you can do. Recent reports indicate a rise in anti-social behaviour in Tandy's Lane Park, Griffeen Park, and parts of



Adamstown (theft / racial abuse) reportedly by a small group of young people. Additionally, dangerous parking in Adamstown by residents is posing a risk to emergency vehicle access. A discussion with a Community Garda revealed that increased vigilance and patrols are planned under Operation Irene. Residents are urged to report all incidents to the Community Gardaí at 01-6667320, as this helps Gardaí allocate resources effectively. Additionally, residents in the Adamstown area with underground parking spaces are encouraged to use them, in advance of Gardaí ticketing for illegal parking. Stay safe and report ALL issues to Gardaí promptly.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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### Scouts:

Please support 23rd Lucan Scouts fundraising in Supervalu this weekend.

### Sarsfield Park:

I raised residents' concerns with the council about proposed changes at the Sarsfield Park entrance on Chapel Hill. The Council confirmed works are part of the 2024/25 Traffic Calming Programme. Following a Section 38 public consultation in 2024, the project includes a new pedestrian crossing and junction tightening. Works are scheduled for the school holidays—July and August. I will continue to highlight residents' concerns.

### Stronger Safer Communities:

Following concerns I raised about anti-social behaviour, Gardaí confirmed increased patrols in response. Additionally, Operation Irene, began in Lucan on 12 May, this includes mountain bike patrols and a focus on community engagement. Gardaí assured that areas of concern will receive targeted attention. Have your say on An Garda Síochána priorities for 2026–2028 at <https://pcsa.prioritiesimulator.com/>

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### Dáil report:

I spoke this week on the heartbreaking situation in Gaza, where 14,000 babies face imminent death as part of the humanitarian aid blockade. I also queried the ongoing and increasing delays in assessments of need for people with disabilities. Other contributions included speeches on biodiversity, supports for carers and the need for additional parking spaces in Adamstown.

### Local issues:

Good to see the hedge trimmed at the crossing used between The Glebe and Esker Glebe where visibility on the corner was causing safety issues. I also met with residents and wrote to the Superintendent about a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour, largely being carried out by one group. See Cllr Helen Farrell's newsletter notes for a link to some advice on how to deal with anti-social behaviour.

## ADVERTISING RATES

- Line ads of **15 words or less** cost €2.00
- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost .20 cent for every word in the **entire** ad.
- **Block/Display adverts** 6cm wide x 4cm high, cost €10 for one insert.
- **No Business Ad.** will be carried for two consecutive weeks, with only ONE AD. per person or business
- **Lost & Found ads.** – No Charge
- **WEDNESDAY 10pm is the DEADLINE**

Ads should be **placed in an envelope** containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:

**St. Mary's Parish Centre, Church Grounds, Lucan**  
**Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.**

**Please do not ring doorbells** when leaving in items for the Newsletter!

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## St. Mary's Camera Soirée



The change in the weather this week did not stop members of the Camera Soiree getting out and about. Joe got an interesting photograph of two swallows sitting on an electric power line in St. Edmundsbury on Monday evening. These birds are common summer visitors throughout Ireland from mid-March to late-September. They spend the winter in southern Africa. According to a sailing superstition swallows were a good omen to those at sea. As swallows are land-based birds their appearance would have informed a sailor that he or she was close to shore.

Kay was in St. Stephen's Green last Saturday morning and got some nice reflections in the ponds of the foliage there. St. Stephen's Green whose name originates from a church called St Stephen's that was in the area in the thirteenth century came into existence in 1663 and today is cared for by the Office of Public Works. Its four centuries of history are eventful and complex, involving such important figures as Arthur Guinness, 1st Baron Ardilaun, and Countess Constance Markievicz.



Donal managed to get some photographs of the machinery inside Shackleton's Mills.

A particularly appealing photograph is the one of the weeping willow taken from the northern bank of the river Liffey. Photographers are usually only able to get shots of this beautiful tree from the south side.

He also gave us a composite photograph of one of the lakes on the River Shannon. The river runs through or between eleven counties before reaching the sea.



*Until next week stay safe!*