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Sunday 31st August 2025

Back to Normal Again!

God alone knows what the next few months hold for any of us as we step onto the path for the new school year ahead. September is a fresh start for most people as the cycle of community life revolves around that of the school year. It's a time to retune the 'normal' and to shape it a little differently each time taking stock of. The year will, undoubtedly, present fresh new rewards and challenges in a measure yet unknown.

In the next couple of weeks, we will see lots of children with fresh new shoes, uniforms and school bags. Many will start attendance at schools, colleges and places of work; most with eagerness and some tentatively! Even our parish priest is making a shiny new start among us in St Patrick's and St Mary's Parishes! Fr Bill is looking happy and eager as he starts work among us and he is most welcome! New people arriving in any place help all to look with new eyes and new hope. Every good wish to all newbies in whatever situation.

It's a great time to reconsider priorities to inform choice of activity for children, family and self. We'll always find time for what we value most. However, we sometimes roll into a new year or season without considering what we might want to do differently and beyond the middle of September, the pattern is usually set again! The item of daily life that is often forgotten is our need for space to be and space to think or pray. It's easier to be busy than to justify 'being' time for oneself and for family!

As we move into this new space in the year, let us be kind to self and others; savour the beauty of the world and the goodness of people, where we find it. Take time to listen to the whisperings of our hearts and feel confirmation from the gut before each new step of current life. Let us embrace life as an opportunity. If any part of life is a burden, reach out for help, a listening ear and a safe space. Both opportunities and burdens are for sharing together!

Cathy Burke
Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Online Safety

Comisiún na Meán plays an important role in protecting our rights online. Thanks to the Online Safety Framework, there are now rules to make sure children and adults are protected from harmful or illegal content online. More information on our website.

Phone: +353 1 963 7755 Phone: +353 1 963 7755

What is Fuel Allowance?

Fuel Allowance is a means tested payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to only one person in a household.

The Fuel Allowance season normally begins in late September of each year and ends in April. The 2024/2025 Fuel Allowance season started on Monday, 23 September 2024. It was paid for 28 weeks (until 4 April 2025).

The current rate of Fuel Allowance is €33 per week. You can choose to get the Fuel Allowance paid every week or paid in 2 instalments (lump sums).

How to qualify for Fuel Allowance

To get Fuel Allowance you must:

Be over 66 or over.

Be under 66 and get a qualifying social welfare payment (see qualifying payments on our website).

Live alone (or only with certain people listed on our website).

Satisfy a means test.

You must also live in Ireland. You cannot get Fuel Allowance if your heating costs are provided in full as part of your accommodation.

If you apply for Fuel Allowance after the start of the Fuel Allowance season, it will not be backdated.

You do not need to reapply for Fuel Allowance each year as long as your circumstances remain the same and you continue to get the same social welfare payment.

Online application

You can apply for the Fuel Allowance online.

You must have a MyGovID account to apply online.

If you can't apply online, you can use a paper application form

If you are aged under 66, fill in the NFS1 form to apply for fuel allowance.

If you are aged 66 or over, fill in the NFS2 form to apply for fuel allowance.

You can also get a form from your local post office or by phoning 0818 200 400. You should ask for the relevant form for your age.

You can get help to fill in your application form at your Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Branch Office or The Citizens Information Centre.

Fuel Allowance income limit for people over 66

You should read how your income is assessed before reading this section.

You can have income of up to €524 per week, or €1,048 per week for a couple and still qualify for Fuel Allowance.

Your capital (savings, property and investments) are also assessed. The first €50,000 of your capital is not included in the means test.

MMR vaccine now available before travel to protect babies

If you are travelling abroad, it's important to plan ahead, as some countries are experiencing an outbreak of measles or have regular cases.

The MMR vaccine is free and protects against 3 serious conditions caused by viruses, measles, mumps and rubella (German measles).

When can a baby get the MMR vaccine?

If you are travelling with your baby, your GP can give them the MMR vaccine if they are aged 6-11 months.

It's best to get the MMR vaccine for your baby 2 weeks before you travel.

Find more about the MMR vaccine if you are going abroad or missed a dose on our website.

Esler Active Retirement Association

Our July day trip was a great success, with 50 members enjoying the K2 alpaca experience in Newtownmountkennedy Co Wicklow.



We got to pet and feed the alpacas, which was great fun, they love their food, not a bit shy about pushing each other out of the way to eat out of our hands.



We then got back on our coach to Mt Usher gardens, where we had lunch and a tour of the lovely gardens.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its

monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Lucan Senior Citizens

Our Senior Citizens Club starts back on **Wednesday 10th September, 10.30am to 12.30pm.**

Looking forward to seeing all our members back safe and well. New members are always welcome!



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We re-open on Thursday 4th September. Hope you all had a great summer break and enjoyed the good weather. Hope to see everyone back again and in good health.

New Members always welcome! Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there, Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, Choir, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 4th September 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 to register your interest.

**Thursday 4th September 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, September 4th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Normal Schedule returns from 1st September:

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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Adoration:

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

Christian Meditation:

We resume our meetings again on Tuesday 9th September. We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th 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)

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Mary Shanagher**, Cherbury Park.
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 8th September

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

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



For assistance, ph: 01 8550022 /

email: info@svp.ie

St. Mary's SVP Conference wish to thank all our subscribers for their loyal support towards our monthly collections during the Summer months. We also wish to thank the Parish Count-Team and our dependable church door collectors for their invaluable help and support throughout.

We gratefully acknowledge continued receipt of good quality children's clothing for distribution to those in need. We look forward to your continued support to assist those in need in our community in the future.

Beir bua is beannacht.

St. Mary's SVP Conference, Lucan.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Doddsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Normal Schedule returns from 1st September:

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

Adoration:

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

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.

Confessions:

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

Tea/Coffee:

Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass.

Do drop in. All welcome.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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.

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

25th Anniversary of Divine Mercy Church A date for the diary:

We will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Church of Divine Mercy on **Sunday 28th September at 12 Noon Mass.** **Bishop Donal Roche** will be the main Celebrant of the Mass.

We look forward to this special occasion.

Catholic Faith Formation for Children

Active and enjoyable faith formation and learning.

Would you like your child to learn more about their faith in a small group setting?

Venue: Divine Mercy Church

Saturdays at 4.45-5.45p.m. starting on 13 September.

Children aged 5-15 years all welcome from all parishes.

Register on line www.lucansouthparish.net

Forms also available at the parish office or sign up after any Mass in the church.



Update re the
Pockets of Hope
Pilgrimage on 30 July 2025



Fr. Ubaldo and nineteen parishioners, from the partnership parishes of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, began our spiritual journey in St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row. Fr. Ubaldo concelebrated the 10.00 am Mass, while recently ordained Deacon John assisted.

Four Dublin city centre churches have been designated as a **Pockets of Hope** pilgrimage site for this *Jubilee Year of Hope*. In each sacred place, pilgrims can find quotes from the late Pope Francis' document, '*Hope does not Disappoint*'. We followed the suggested route, praying and reflecting together – with a few hymns thrown in!



We would recommend you doing it in the coming months - you do not need to be part of a group. The longest walk is from City Quay (*where this photo was taken*) to Sean McDermott Street and this part takes about 20 minutes.

Our visit to **Our Lady of Lourdes** church in Sean McDermott Street was one of the highlights of our morning! Fr. Selva Thomas was there to meet us and was most welcoming. Sr. Maria Lawless shared so much with us about the parish, especially about Venerable Matt Talbot, and the new museum with artefacts from his life. This was an added bonus and will be a lasting memory for many of us of our **Pilgrim Walk**.

Mary Jackson

Anniversaries

Georgina (Gina) Bolger.
4th Anniversary, 30th August

Late of AGP, Lucan.

In loving memory of our beautiful, beloved daughter and sister Georgina Bolger whose Fourth anniversary occurs 30th August 2025. Also remembering at this sad time, our beloved Dad *Shamie Bolger* whose Fourth anniversary occurs 16th December 2025.

Rest in Peace.

God called your names so softly,
That only you could hear,
And no one heard the footsteps of
Angels drawing near,
The Golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest,
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

Not a day goes by we don't think of you both. *Always in our thoughts and prayers, no one could fill the void you both left, very sadly missed and always remembered by Mam (Philly) and brothers James, Johnny, and families.*

Jean Fox

1st Anniversary, 4th August

You left behind a light Jean
that will never dim or fade,
It is kept by the love we feel
and the memories we made.
It can warm us like a candle glow
and help bring us comfort too.
No matter where you go,
you'll find it is always close to you.
*Love and miss you always,
Your friend Frances and family.*

Jim Mallon

12th Anniversary, 8th August

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear
Loved and remembered by Collette, Colm, Sineád, Tom and Aoife

Robert (Bobby) McCabe,

45th Anniversary, 24th August 2025.

Late of Sarsfield Park.

"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day."

Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.

Seán McHugh

8th Anniversary, 3rd September

Always remembered, never forgotten

Loving wife Mary and family, 16 grandchildren
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Mass 12 noon Sunday 31st August, St Mary's Church, Lucan



Birthday Remembrances

Ray (Rash) Carey
59th Birthday, 31st August

Of our much loved and missed son Ray

Late of Beech Park

Forever Young

Today we touched your face again
And watch you for a while
We talked of things
Deep in our hearts
And could almost see you smile
We know your time on earth was short
But it's how you lived your day
You made the most of what you had
And always found a way
We will talk to you tomorrow Ray
Just like we do each day
Lord look around your garden
And pick the reddest rose
Give it to our Ray
And tell him we wish him
A Happy Birthday
And it's sent with all our love
Missing you and love you forever sweetheart
Love from Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. xxxxxxxxx

Maureen Lally

Happy 88th Birthday remembrance of Maureen

Late of AGP Lucan

Mom, on your birthday

I am sending a dove to heaven, with a parcel on its wings.

Be careful when you open it, it's full of beautiful things
Inside are a million kisses wrapped up in a million hugs
To say how much I miss you and to send you all my love. Happy Birthday Mom

From your loving daughter Joyce, son in law Mark, grandson's Jonathan, Ciaran, Matthew and great grandson Ollie .

Maureen Lally

30th August

Heavenly Birthday wishes for a dear Mother and Grandmother.

Today is filled with memories

With happiness and tears

Of Birthday celebrations

We've shared throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you

The endless joy you brought

Warms my heart with gratitude

And fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting

I hope that you can see

How precious and uplifting

Your memory is to me.

Happy Birthday Mam, dearly loved and greatly missed.

From your loving daughter Alison & family, Andy, Ruth, Craig, Alisha, Caden and baby Koah xxx

Birthday Remembrances *cont'd*

Maureen Lally

Your book of life stands open
at its most important page.
May good luck be by your side
on this coming of age.
We cannot send a birthday card
your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings to the Mam
we love so much.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter
Debbie, son in law Peter and grand
Daughters Niamh, Karla and Aine x*



Acknowledgement

Sharon Lynch R.I.P

Thank you, our neighbours who individually and collectively support us with sympathy and great kindness on the sad death of Sharon. For all the beautiful cards and flowers, to all who attended her funeral in Rusahane, Wicklow.

In gratitude to you all and remembering your intentions at Mass on Sunday 27th July.

Brida L C

Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

Sunday 31st August 2025, at 3pm

(weather permitting)

*Cemetery Collection in aid of
St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown*

Lucan U3A

Lucan U3A are reopening on September 8th.

1. We meet in Ballyowen Castle on the second Monday of each month at 2pm. Bus L54 from the Village.
2. We meet for coffee and a chat at 11am on the 1st Tuesday each month, in Reeds on the River.
3. We have an outing on the last Thursday of the month to a wide variety of destinations.

New members are very welcome, so do come and join us.

Further information:

086 8097038

Learn, Laugh and Live!



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

35 Years and Countless Memories

After 35 years practicing Acupuncture and Holistic Health, I am writing to share the bittersweet news of my retirement at the end of September.

When I first opened my doors all those years ago, I could never have imagined the incredible journey ahead, of healing, learning, laughter and chats. I will always treasure the opportunities I've had to connect with so many amazing people over the years.

While I look forward to new adventures ahead, continuity of care will be ensured by my trusted colleague, Vanessa Durigon, who will be taking over the practice.

A special thanks goes to Mary and Rose at the Newsletter for all their help over the years, my landlord Dr. Peter Harris, and to Lucan and the surrounding community.

With warmest regards and heartfelt thanks to all.

Jacqueline McDonnell

Lucan Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine Clinic.
www.acupuncturelucan.com Ph: 01 6217057.



Back after the break!

What a lovely Summer we've had – lots of healthy-looking people about.

Best Wishes to all the little people starting big school these days, and no doubt all

the other boys and girls are happy to see the friends once again. Such a pity it was raining on the first day back to school for so many.

Congratulations to all the Leaving Cert people! We wish them well on whatever path they follow.

Lucan Festival – Birdie is all set for the week ahead – Lots of things to do and see around Lucan. Well done to the hard-working organisers – all we need now is the weather to play its part!

What a big mess! Try as we might to be positive about our Village Green, it is very frustrating when to see a worker breaking up some newly installed part of the construction, once again. You wonder will we ever see the end of it this year!!!

Sharpen those shears! We can cut the hedges again from Monday 1st September.....

Tues 2nd

Visit to Shackletons Mills (low road)
BOOKED OUT

Meet 10.30am at entrance **FREE**

**The Rathcoole Rebel and the
Transported**

Illustrated talk by Fergus Whelan 8pm
Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Tues 2nd - Thur 4th

Chess Tournament

Killyowen Community Centre 7pm
FREE

Weds 3rd

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a
panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

**Walking tour of historic Lucan
Village FREE**

2.30pm Bus stop opposite Circle K

The Stage Is Yours

Lucan Dramatic Society asks will
you join us on stage or be part of the
audience Courtneys Pub open
7.15pm **FREE**

Thurs 4th

Visit to Shackletons Mills (low road)

BOOKED OUT

Meet 10.30am at entrance **FREE**

**Roger Casement, Imperialist,
Humanitarian, Revolutionary and
Patriot**

Illustrated talk by Jim Doyle

8pm Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Fri 5th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet
a panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Lucan Festival 2nd - 7th September 2025

Sunday 7th

from 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Garda Open Day

Station open to the public from 2pm.

*Garda Band, fingerprinting, Garda Horses, see the Cells, Garda Water Unit,
Historical display of Garda Memorabilia.*

Local groups and business's stalls

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kennys)

Pet Farm and Puppet Show (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carrolls Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Model Railway Exhibition in St Andrews Parish Centre

World renowned Duck Race on the Griffin at 4.30pm

International and Irish food Stalls

See Lucan's Dublin All Ireland Champion GAA Girls

Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

Dogs must be controlled by owners

This is our Family Fun Day

The Village will be closed to through traffic from Ardeerin

To the Permanent TSB from 10am to 7pm

Most events are free

Sat 6th

Lucan House Grounds (12.30 - 9.30)

Annual fund raising day will be in

2 sessions. From 12.30 to 5 pm you

enter from the main gates and see the

1772 magnificent Lucan House with

an exhibition of its history and owners

(House closed).

You will receive a wristband on entry.

Family cemetery, Sandfield Monument

and early 1700s stables.

Childrens entertainment with wild

birds, dinosaurs, Vikings, Yoga and

music. International Food Fair in the

stable yard. There will be a closedown at

5pm. From 6.30 the grounds reopen.

Entry for those with wristbands is at the

Main gate. Those with no wristband

entry will be at the gates just up from

AIR. Entertainment by local bands and

groups will start at 6.45 and continue

to aprox 9pm when our spectacular

Fireworks display will start. For Safety

reasons the number of wristbands

are confined to 4,900 and when that

number is reached the gates close.

Admission €5 children 12 and under free.

NO DOGS ALLOWED except guide

dogs

South Dublin Model Railway Club

Celebrate their 50th anniversary with a

magnificent display of working model

railways in St Andrews Parish Centre,

2pm - 5.30pm **FREE**

SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Facebook group; "*Society for*

Old Lucan (SOL)" & X: @Soc4OldLucan.

Website: <https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Exciting New Technology! (PB)

As part of our project to bring new technology and history together we have now managed to enter the world of 3D viewing. This is done by using a 360-degree camera and then can be uploaded to the internet and viewed on a phone or computer. For a more realistic view it can be also viewed on a VR headset.

We have tested this out in Lucan house recently with great success. This also means that people who might not be able to visit the house for various reasons will be able to experience the same views as house visitors. We are hoping to roll this out in the future in Lucan house with SDCC and possibility to other locations around Lucan, so please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for this future project along with our other projects. Please follow the links below to see our recent testing in **Lucan House**:

<https://youtu.be/ro2tNDBqw7o>

<https://youtu.be/A888TopwLQo>

<https://youtu.be/LED83M98pE4>

<https://youtu.be/k89qMYHj7DU>

Let us know what you think by email to OldLucan@gmail.com with suggestions or questions?

Lucan House Tours (PB)

So far this year SOL have had a very successful year running tours in Lucan House, demesne, and a few tours of the interior of the house. These were open to members through Eventbrite bookings. We ran the tours over weekends and mid-week to accommodate everyone. These booked out very quickly and we hope to continue the tours going forward.

We had a lot of interest from local groups and other groups from outside of Lucan for tours, so if anyone has a group, or Schools as they start the new term, that are interested in doing a tour please contact us through our email

Oldlucan@gmail.com

Dating the Esker Rood: A Slight Setback (HF)

In our last SOL newsletter we told you of our plans to carry out Carbon -14 dating of the unique "Esker Rood" (a special, forward-leaning crucifix figure of Christ that would have been common in all medieval churches, but were destroyed in practically all during the 16-17th centuries in Ireland, England, Wales and Scotland) that hangs in St. Patrick's, Esker, Lucan. Dr. Ellen O'Carroll, archaeological wood expert, with the kind permission of Fr. Curran, St. Patrick's Church, Esker carried out sampling in May earlier this year. Queen's University, Belfast carry out a pre-sampling

analysis of the wood samples. It is confirmed as oak.

The bad news, however, is that the sample was too small (2mm) in size and contaminated with modern varnish to yield a dependable result. Dr.

O'Carroll

confirmed that she is happy to visit again to re-sample the rood but we need to get permission from the new Parish Priest for this. Hopefully we will have further updates for you in the coming months, as if this is medieval, it is the only survivor from the whole of Ireland.



Research Group Update (HF)

Thanks to Lucan Library, and with especial support from Dave Power, Lucan Library, the newish SOL Research Group met to discuss what local research we could carry out. It was decided by the group that we would focus on researching small snippets to make up an updated Lucan Heritage Trail to eventually go on our website and link in with QR codes around the village and surrounds.

We will meet on the following Saturdays, 10am – 11.30am if you want to join us: 30th August, 20th September, 18th October, 15th November.

We have set up a WhatsApp group which is nice, as everyone can ask questions and discuss and share material as we go along. I have contacted SDCC Tourism section, and they are interested in linking in with us to promote the trail in months to come.

Make sure to meet us as part of **Lucan Festival 2025** 2nd – 7th September, on **Saturday 6th September** in Lucan Demesne. SOL will have a stand that Saturday with some of our information, SOL prints and merchandise, and we hope to see you there.



CHOOOL NEWS

St. Joseph's College

Leaving Certificate results

A massive well done and congratulations to all our Leaving Certificate class of 2025 on their fantastic results. All staff in the school were delighted with the results of all our students and want to wish each and every one of the all the very best with their next steps wherever it may take them.

New first year students

All staff and students in the school would like to express a massive welcome to all our new first years. The new first years have been well looked after since their first day by the Cinnire team and all the staff within the school.



Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegeluca

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Lucan Community College

Lucan Community College Night Classes Autumn term is opening for booking on our website Lucancc.ie. If you would like to meet new people, make new friends and learn a new skill, why not try one of our fun evening classes. French, Italian, Spanish, Irish, Knitting, Crochet, Art Portfolio Preparation, Drawing and Watercolours, Tai Chi, Yoga, Kettlebells, Gardening, etc.



Women's
Collective
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**Women's Collective
Ireland – Lucan
Registration
Morning –
Wednesday, 3rd**

September 2025

Welcome back after a lovely summer! We're delighted to open our doors again and start a new term together. Over the break, we hosted a **Pink Coffee Morning** in support of **Breast Cancer Ireland** and are proud to share that we raised **€465** thanks to the generosity of our participants and community.

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan invites you to our **Registration Morning on Wednesday, 3rd September** at **Ballyowen Community Centre, Lucan**. Come along, meet the team, and sign up for our new term of courses, workshops, and social groups.

This term we are offering:

HERStory: Our Stage – Creative Writing Workshops

STEM Passport for Inclusion (Level 6, NUI Maynooth)

Conversation Club – an interactive space for women to practice their English

Mixed Arts & Crafts

Restorative Yoga for Beginners

Restorative Yoga – Intermediate

Crafty Byrds: DIY Household Skills

Special Events this Term:

Everyday Eco Living: A Sustainability

Masterclass – Wednesday, 17th September.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Masterclass – October just before midterm

Contact Details: Ballyowen Community Centre, Ballyowen Ln, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 N263
Phone: 083 860 7947

Email: lucan@womenscollective.ie

Website: www.womenscollective.ie

Women supporting women, always.

FREE ADMISSION to Heritage Sites on the First Wednesday of the Month

Don't forget, next Wednesday, the first Wednesday of August, you can visit participating Heritage Sites all over Ireland for free!

The sites around Dublin are:

- The Casino, Marino
- Farmleigh House and Gardens
- Rathfarnham Castle
- Custom House Visitor Centre

For more sites around Ireland, visit

www.heritageireland.ie



2025 is the year that Celbridge Camera Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary.

The club began in 1985 and during that time photography has evolved from purely film, then to digital and now a mixture of both. Nowadays everyone carries a camera with them in the form of a smartphone. Social Media has opened many peoples' eyes to photography and of course the taking of better images. CCC has also evolved over that 40 years but still strives to promote, foster and encourage photography by providing facilities to help people of all skill levels to reach their full potential.

We begin a new season of activity on 8th September in the Slip Hall, Celbridge at 8pm and new members are always welcome!

For detailed information about club activities such as the Beginners Course, please check out our Welcome Page on www.celbridgecameraclub.net

Celbridge Camera Club Welcomes new members

Are You Interested in Capturing Moments and Creating Super Images?

Celbridge Camera Club Offers:

- Beginners Course
- Hands-on workshops, tutorials
- Competitions and exhibitions to show off your work
- Fun photo outings and creative challenges
- A community that shares your passion

All Skill Levels Welcome-

- Absolute Beginners
- Experienced Photographers Seeking to Improve
- Smart Phone Photographers

Can't wait to hear from you!

Scan me

Palmerstown Camera Club

If you're looking for a new hobby or fancy yourself as a budding photographer, Palmerstown Camera Club is the place for you. we are starting back Wednesday the 10th of September at 8pm to 10 pm, and every Wednesday



night after. We are also holding a photographic competition and first prize is free membership for the year. To enter the competition just sent your images to competitionpcc@gmail.com with your name and you have to be 18 years or older to enter.

Please have your images in before the 28th of August. Good luck to everyone who enters. Also included in your membership is a free beginners course which is run by one of our own advanced members.

Palmerstown Camera Club is moving into its 17th year running in the Parish Centre in Palmerstown Village. We have guest speakers, workshops, monthly inter league competitions, day and weekend trips away, we also have an end of year exhibition so anyone can come and see the amazing photos that are produced during the year. Meet new friends and maybe some old friends. Our club members are always willing to help you in your photography journey no matter what stage you are at. Oh, and there is tea coffee and biscuits after every meeting.

Follow us on Facebook and histogram to see some fantastic images and what we get up to. Website: www.Palmerstowncameraclub.com

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 13th of September, 2025

2pm - 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan

Future 2025 dates:

October 11th, November 8th and December 13th

Kindly sponsored by:

SuperValu Lucan **HE**

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa

Lucan Library – September Events

Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.



My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.



My Little Library Bag 2025

Have you a child in the house who is starting primary school now? If so, bring them to the library to collect their Little Library Bag! If your child is not already a library member, we would love them to join them up so please bring your own photo ID and proof of address.



Ogham Laser Engraving For Adults - ancient writing, modern making. Friday 29th

September, 11am - 1pm. Join William Davis to explore the ancient Irish writing of Ogham, and inscribing words, names or phrases onto slate and glass using the new Laser Cutter at Lucan Library. Materials provided- inscribe drink glasses and stone coasters. For adults 18+. No experience required. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

2pm - 4pm. Maker Space Drop-in Session

showcasing Lucan Library's new 3D printers and laser cutters, demonstrating fun, hands-on learning opportunities. All Welcome.

Summer Stars Finale Celebration!

All Welcome! Congratulations to all who took part in the Summer Stars Reading Adventure! All welcome to join our celebration on Saturday 6th September: 10.30am - 12.30am: Face Painter 12.30pm: Waffles the Magician. 3pm: Card Swap



National Public Libraries Day, Saturday 27th September 2025. 10.30am - 11.30am:

Bi-Lingual event, specially designed for children with additional needs: **Daithigh le Chéile / Colour Together for Families:** Create art with your child in a gentle, nature and identity-themed workshop led by Michael Bollard, specially designed for children with additional needs. Booking Essential via Eventbrite



12noon: Stories from Around the World with Roisin Murphy. All Welcome.

2pm: Digital Art with Olla for 8-12 years. iPads provided. Booking essential via Eventbrite from 20th September

DDLETB Adult Education at Lucan Library Digital Literacy Skills - classes begin on Tuesday 30th September, 10am - 12noon.

Chair Yoga - classes begin on Tuesday 30th September, 2pm. Booking Essential. The DDLETB Registration Form must be completed before your place is confirmed. Ask at desk.

Table Quiz for Adults

Thursday 4th September 2pm. Booking essential - Register at the desk to take part in this very enjoyable quiz. May the best team win!

Lucan Lifestyle with Lucan Community

Healthcare Network. Speakers will include: Consultant Neurologist, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Community Gardaí, Dietician, & Nursing. Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September. 12noon - 1.30pm. Pre-Booking Essential. Please contact 01-7955236 / Lucan.chn@hse.ie to book your place.

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults Tuesday 9th September, 6.30pm.

Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner

For 9-12 year olds: Thursday 18th September, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite

Adamstown Blue Connect STEAM Club for 9 – 12 years. Mondays 15th, 22nd, 29th September and 6th October. 5pm-6pm. Adamstown Blue Connect STEAM Club for 9 - 12 year olds - supporting Neurodiversity in the Community. Booking essential, email:

Adamstownblueconnect@gmail.com

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children

with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 10th September, 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Arts and Crafts for 3-5 years with Méabh: Tuesday 16th September at 3.30pm, booking essential via Eventbrite

Parent and Baby Reflexology with Anne O'Connor: Wednesday 3rd September, 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite

Musical Tots: Saturday 13th September 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite

Exhibitions:

Presidents of Ireland / Na Gael Óga / Woodville, Lucan: A Disappeared House



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Academy

Our academy for boys and girls aged 4-7 starts back after the summer break, and we can't wait to see everyone again! All children are welcome to come along - no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try.

Starting back on Saturday the 13th of September in the club grounds.

Age group times are as follows; 2020/2021 - 9am, 2019 - 10am and 2018 - 11am.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €4,600.

The Numbers were **12, 21, 22 & 27.**

Lucky dip's go to Michael Claffey, Ella Dawson, Claire O'Neill, Nicola O'Shaughnessy, Olive Benson.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,000. This draw is sponsored by REA McDonald Auctioneers. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code below.



ADULT HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

SATURDAY 30TH

Senior vs Naomh Barróg // O'Toole Park // 17:30

Inter vs Crumlin // 12th Lock // 17:30

SUNDAY 31ST

Junior A vs Raheny // 12th Lock // 11am

Junior B vs Raheny // St Anne's Park // 3pm

MONDAY 1ST SEPT

Junior C vs Pats Donabate // Donabate // 19:30

Hurling



A jam-packed championship hurling weekend ahead with all five of our adult teams in action. All support welcome!

Our senior hurlers are looking to make it

four wins from four this Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased through the following link: <https://www.universe.com/events/s1-hc-whitehall-cc-v-st-oliver-plunkett-er-lucan-sarsfields-v-st-judes-tickets-BZ1FQD>

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Nationals

Congratulations to Dylan who ran the National Mens 5000m in 14:44.79 and Kate who ran the National Women's 400m in 55.07.

Excellent to see the club represented on the national stage.

Saoirse Fitzgerald on the European Stage

Congratulations to Saoirse Fitzgerald representing Ireland at the Under 20's Euro Championships in Finland competing in the 800m.

Well done Saoirse!



Eleanor O'Neill Hits 100 Marathons

At the Celtic Warrior I ran my 100th marathon and officially joined the 100 marathon club of Ireland. I ran my first marathon in Kildare in 2012 and joined the marathon club of Ireland. I never actually believed or thought I would ever reach 100.



I had 5 small children and a part time demanding job.... But 60 marathons and 40 ultras later I made it!! I have had so much love and support on the way from my family, friends and running clubs and I really want to thank everyone. Yesterday

was a really happy and emotional day. See you all on the track soon...

Next up Longford ultra!!!!

LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

Lucan Bridge Club will reopen
on

Wednesday 3rd September

**In the Springfield Hotel.
7.30 sharp**

We welcome all our members back and would love to see some new members.

All grades welcome



HSE FSS Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Lár na Tíre
HSE Dublin and Midlands



A free 4 week group

LUCAN LIFESTYLE

Lucan Library
Tuesdays in September (9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
12:00-13:30

Speakers will include; Consultant Neurologist, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Community Gardaí, Dietician, & Nursing

- The individual – keeping well physically, maintaining cognitive resilience
- The home – safety at home, grants system, preventing falls at home
- The activities you do – volunteering, exercise, leisure groups in the area

To book a space, phone the
Lucan Community Healthcare
Network on 01 7955236.
Lucan.chn@hse.ie

POLITICAL NOTES

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Find me on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok.

Bus capacity reviews:

Since being elected, I have been lobbying for customer demand reviews on all routes in Lucan to make sure that they are sufficiently serviced. I am pleased to get confirmation that these reviews will take place, and I eagerly await the results of them, especially for high-demand services on the C1,C2,C3 and C4.

Garda numbers:

I was pleased to learn of the assignment of new Gardaí to Lucan and Ronanstown Garda stations. 45 new Gardaí are being assigned to Dublin, of whom 2 will be assigned to Lucan and Ronanstown Garda stations.

Lucan Festival:

Great to be able to attend the launch of the Lucan Festival last Friday and to see the wonderful programme that is on offer. As a community, we are indebted to the (small) group of volunteers who take the Festival from strength to strength.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 618 3013. Insta: @emerhigginstd

Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

Lucan Festival 2025:

I was delighted to attend the launch of this year's Lucan Festival in Kennys Pub last Friday. Well done to the Lucan Festival Committee on another successful event. The Lucan Festival runs from the 2nd to 7th of September, with a packed programme of events for all ages. Please note, this year, the fireworks display will be on Saturday 6th in the grounds of Lucan House. Wristbands €5 at the main gate, children under 12 free. Be sure to check out @lucfestevent on Instagram or Lucan Festival Ireland Facebook page for the full schedule.

Back to School:

Best of luck also to all the students and teachers beginning the new academic year. It's great to see free schoolbooks now rolled out across all primary and secondary schools, alongside the continued expansion of the Hot School Meals programme.

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

(085)2551602. CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Lucan Leisure Campus Update:

The main contractor was removed from the project last week. A security firm is managing the site, an interim contractor is progressing works and direct agreements with other contractors remain in place. A replacement contractor will be appointed through formal procurement. Further updates will follow once timelines are confirmed.

Hillcrest Drive Flooding:

Uisce Éireann has confirmed that Wastewater Operations will carry out sewer maintenance works in the area. These works are expected to significantly improve the public sewer system. Water Operations has advised that completion is expected by the end of August.

Gully Clean:

flooding in Hillcrest, Finnstown, and Lucan Village, contractors Oxigen carried out a gully clean across affected areas. In Lucan Village, cleaning was completed on both sides of the Liffey Bridge at the junction of Main Street and Chapel Hill.

The Clock of Life

*The clock of life is
wound but once,
And no man
Has the power
To tell just when
The hands will stop
At late or early hour.*

*To lose one's wealth
Is sad indeed,
To lose one's
Health is more,
To lose one's
Soul is such a loss
That no man can restore.*

*The present only
Is our own,
So Live, Love,
Toil with a will
Plan no faith
In 'Tomorrow'
For the clock
May then be still.*

Author Unknown.



Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin
CCÉ Lucan
Traditional Irish Music

Calling all budding musicians, dancers, and enthusiasts!

Join us at Lucan
Comhaltas' registration night on Tuesday, Sept 9th at 6pm in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road Lucan!

Whether you're a seasoned musician, a budding dancer/musician, or just starting out, all are welcome to come along and register for the new season.

Meet our teachers, learn about our classes and activities, and get ready to immerse yourself in the world of traditional Irish music, song and dance!

Date: Tuesday, September 9th

Time: 6pm

Location: Coláiste Cois Life

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on classes and instruments

Email: lucan@comhaltas.net

www.lucancomhaltas.ie



Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2025. The Return to Education Programme courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills

Business English Language Skills

Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills

Office Skills, Business Administration

Word Processing (Advanced)

Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)

Payroll Using Sage Software

For more details, contact

lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

or call (01) 6283557.



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- **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

With the Newsletter back from its summer break this week the back page has a selection of photos submitted by the members of the Camera Soirée during the month of August.

Donal has been all over the place giving us photos of Fanad lighthouse in Donegal which has been a working lighthouse since 1817, to the changing skylines of Dublin as you look towards the port.



There were two photos of historical interest.

The first is that of an old coinbox, or public, telephone which Michael G found as an attraction in a Dublin restaurant recently. For



those who know nothing about them, you inserted your money, dialled the number you wanted and pressed button A if the number was answered or button B if there was no reply. The theory was that you then got your money back! It is almost 100 years since the first phone boxes appeared on Irish streets. At one point there were approximately 3,000 public telephone kiosks around Ireland. The last of them were phased out last year



The second historical photo was Donal's photo of "Bád Eddie". Bád Eddie was owned by local fishermen Eddie Gillespie and it went aground on Magheraclogher beach (a predominantly Irish speaking area of West Donegal, Gaoth Dobhair) in the 1970's and has made its home there ever since. Over the intervening years it has deteriorated badly with getting battered by decades of the wild Atlantic and all its extreme elements.



Brendan submitted a beautiful shot of old Galway.

