



# LUCAN

## NEWSLETTER

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The Christmas decorations are up. The letters have been sent to Santa. The children are so excited counting the sleeps to the big night. But their mother, Jane, can't wait for Christmas to pass. She hopes this year would be brighter, but her income has been devastated by the high rents and spiralling cost of living. The heating has been off for two weeks. The Christmas tree lights are only turned on for an hour every evening. Jane wonders how she's going to pay for the children's Christmas presents or how she will afford the shopping for the family's Christmas dinner.

Our job, in St Vincent De Paul, here in Lucan with your help, is to take the wonder away from Jane and replace it with the true magical wonder of Christmas. Your help takes the wonder out of Christmas for families in need, it has the power to change the course of a life.

***THANK YOU for helping to give Families the Wonder of Christmas***

We would like to thank those who have contributed to our funds throughout the year. With your continued support we will endeavour to offer support to people in Lucan who need a helping hand. Your generous gift will make sure families in need can share some of the wonder of Christmas. For your kindness and compassion, thank you.

**This year, the Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent De Paul takes place at all Masses in Lucan this weekend 6<sup>h</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> of December 2025.**

We thank you for whatever support you can give us and as always donations can also be left at the Sacristy.

We wish you and your families God's blessings, peace, and good health this Christmas and always.

*St Vincent De Paul  
Lucan*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The Tap & Go System at the Church is not to be used for special collections, e.g., St Vincent de Paul. This collection will take place in the Church as the second collection or the blue envelope in the porches can be taken and returned.

## 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

**United Nations Human Rights Day  
is observed each year on 10th December**

## Parents survey on primary schools closes 16 December

**Have you a child in primary school** or will your child start primary school in the coming years?

The Department of Education and Youth is asking parents and guardians of children in primary school, and those who are not yet in primary school, to take a 5-minute survey about their child's future school.

The survey closes on 16 December 2025. The survey is confidential and asks for your preferences on:

Co-education (boys and girls educated in the same school) or single-sex schools.

Religious patronage and ethos.

Education through English or Irish.

Take part in the Primary School Survey – more information on our website.



## School Term - Christmas 2025

All schools close on Friday, 19 December 2025, which is the final day of the school term. All schools re-open on Monday, 5 January 2026.

## Free solar PV (Photovoltaic) if you're medically vulnerable

### Did you know?

Do you use life support equipment such as a dialysis machine, ventilator or similar device? The Solar PV Scheme for Medically Vulnerable Customers is for people who depend on life-protecting electrical medical equipment and technology.

Since October 2025, the scheme has been extended to all homeowners who are registered under the life support category of the Priority Services Register with their energy supplier. If you qualify for the scheme, a Solar PV company will visit your home to assess if your home is suitable for a solar PV system and install it for free if it is.

Check if you qualify and find out more about Free solar PV if you are medically vulnerable.

More information from **Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland**, SEAI Head Office, 3 Park Place, Upper Hatch Street, Dublin 2  
Tel: 01 8082100 Email: [info@seai.ie](mailto:info@seai.ie)  
Homepage: <http://www.seai.ie/>

## Travelling with a hidden disability?

### Did you know?

Do you have an invisible disability and have difficulty standing while using public transport? The Please Offer Me a Seat badge or card will help you to alert other passengers that you would like to be offered a seat.

You can get the badge or card if you have a range of disabilities, for example:

Fibromyalgia, Autism, Head injuries, Chronic pain, Poor balance, Multiple sclerosis

Contact your local TFI public transport operator to get a free badge and card.

You can use the badge on Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann — Irish Rail, Luas, Go-Ahead Ireland, and TFI Local Link services.

**Find out more** about how to get the Please Offer Me a Seat badge and card

### How can I get it?

You can contact your local TFI public transport operator to get one - phone 0818 294015

### Where can I use it?

You can use the badge on Dublin Bus, Bus Éireann, Iarnród Éireann—Irish Rail, Luas, Go-Ahead Ireland, and TFI Local Link services.

**Find out more** at the Transport for Ireland website.

## A Huge Thank You to:

### Lucan Reed Cross Committee and Members

for a wonderful evening at Lucan Spa Hotel on Sunday.

We had a delicious meal, four-course, served piping hot, followed by dancing and a raffle.

Looking forward to next year D.V.



**Aontas Choir Present**

**An Evening of Christmas Music and Carols**

Featuring Special Guests,  
**St Joseph's NS Choir, Kilcock**  
&  
**Lucan Community College Choir**

**Wednesday 10th December 2025**  
**Venue: St Patrick's Church,**  
**Lucan, Co. Dublin**  
**Time: 7:30pm**

**€5 admission**  
**Aontas Philippines Volunteering Trip**

Refreshments will be served following the concert



Women's  
Collective  
Ireland  
LUCAN

## Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan

As we move towards the end of the year, many of our autumn programmes at WCI Lucan are now coming to a close. From Yoga to Mixed Crafts, it has been a wonderful term filled with learning, laughter and connection. We still have a couple of weeks left of our Maynooth University STEM Programme and our Household DIY Course, and we're delighted to see participants continuing to enjoy and engage with these sessions.

This Christmas we are looking to give back to those less fortunate by hosting a **Christmas Gift Appeal** for women in need.

### What we need:

Pyjamas, Nightdresses, Dressing Gowns, Fluffy Socks, Slippers. We also need Toiletries i.e. Shower Gels, Moisturisers, Shampoo ECT.

**Drop Off:** Ballyowen Community Centre

**When:** Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm

**Closing Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a **Nollaig Na mBan Celebration**, this will be a wonderful celebration of women. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised information below.

### Nollaig Na mBan Celebration 2026

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, 12pm-2.30pm

Carrolls Gastro Pub Lucan

**Fabulous 3 course meal- Live Music-Raffle- A chance to relax, connect and celebrate women.**

**PRICE: €25 PER PERSON**

As always, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to the women of Lucan and the surrounding areas. Your ongoing support, engagement, openness, and sense of fun are what make this work meaningful. None of what we do would be possible without you.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyful season ahead.

*WCI Lucan Team - Rita, Jackie, Joanne, Mel & Luda. Ballyowen Community Centre, Ballyowen Ln, Lucan. Tel: 083 860 7947*

[lucan@womenscollective.ie](mailto:lucan@womenscollective.ie)  
[www.womenscollective.ie](http://www.womenscollective.ie)

**Lucan Dementia Café**

**Saturday December 13th 2025**

**2pm - 5pm**

**St Marys Parish Centre Lucan**

Kindly sponsored by

**SuperValu Lucan**

**Péileacán Bán Christmas Café**

Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa with festive music and more.....

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**

Masses at 10am and 7.30pm.

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

### Young Adults Lucan

Our new Young Adults Lucan group for the parishes of St Mary's and St Patrick's will meet on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. All young people aged 18 to 35 are invited. There will be prayer, adoration, opportunity for spiritual direction, input on living the Christian life. This will be followed by pizza and chat. This is a great chance for young people of faith to meet, pray, and connect with each other socially. Come along!

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

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

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

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



**Visits to the housebound:** If you are housebound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

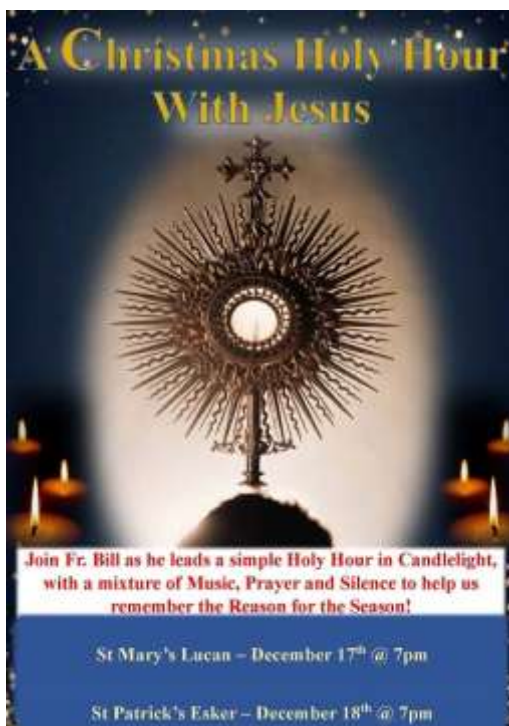
**Legion of Mary:** Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

**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)

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

**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.*

**Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of **Kathleen (Kitty) Sweeney**, Lucan Heights.  
*May she rest in peace.*



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

**Home Visits Holy Communion:** If anyone who  
Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister  
of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish  
Office 01-4572900.

**Divine Mercy Food Bank:** Donations of non-  
perishable food items can be left in the green  
containers inside the doors of the church.

**Wednesday tea/coffee morning:** There is a cup  
of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am  
Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

**Bingo:** Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the  
St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7 for  
7.30pm. All welcome.

## Parish Christmas Carol Service

Get into the Christmas spirit and join us for our  
Parish Christmas Carol Service on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December at 7:15pm (after the 6:30 Mass)**  
This much-loved annual celebration brings  
together our wonderful parish music groups for a  
joyful selection of Christmas carols and seasonal  
favourites. Entry is free, and all are welcome to  
share in an evening filled with music, community,  
and festive cheer.

We'll also be holding a Christmas raffle on the  
night, with tickets available to purchase at the  
door. All proceeds will support the running costs  
of our parish.

Perfect for families, friends, and parishioners of  
all ages, this special event always promises a  
warm, friendly, and heart-lifting atmosphere.  
Come along and help us celebrate the beginning  
of the festive season in true Christmas spirit!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

## Birthday Remembrances



**Patrick Lynam**

**35<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

*Sadly missed by loving family and friends*

**Saoirse O'Driscoll**

Remembering Saoirse on her birthday.

A beautiful girl, inside and out.



**Forever 13**



*Loved deeply, missed endlessly by Mam, Dad, brother Riain, extended family, friends and school pals from GSER and LCC.*

**Just a prayer from the family who love you**

Just a memory fond and true  
In our hearts you will stay forever  
Because we thought the world of you  
It was a sudden parting too bitter to forget  
Those who love you dearly  
Are the ones who can't forget  
We often sit and think of you  
And think you could not say goodbye  
Before you closed your eyes  
The blow was hard, the shock severe  
To part with one we loved so dear.

*(no name, details with this notice)*



## Anniversaries

**Jemmers Condron**

**6 years away from home**

To my loving husband Jemmers,  
We miss you every day.

*From your wife Philomena, sons Paul and James and extended family x*



**Sandra Corrigan Whelan RIP**

**5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Away from home**

'This Christmas'

Our lives go on without you  
But nothing is the same  
We have to hide our heartache  
When someone speaks your name  
Sad are the hearts that love you  
Silent are the tears that fall  
Living without is the hardest part of all  
You did so many things for us  
Your heart was so kind and true  
And when we needed someone  
We could always count on you  
The special years will not return  
When we were altogether  
But with the love in our hearts  
You will walk with us forever  
Forever in our hearts,

*With love from your family xx*

**Sandra's Anniversary Mass will be  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 12pm**

**Bernard Fallon**

**8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

A father's love is special  
A gift beyond compare,  
You only know the meaning  
When he is no longer there  
A special time  
A special face  
A special Dad  
We can't replace  
With an aching heart, we whisper low  
We miss you Dad, and love you so.  
*Sadly missed and loved by your daughters  
Catherine, Liz and Mary and son Gabriel,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren*

## VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST JOSEPH

Our name has changed, we were known as St Joseph's Young Priest Society – but our work remains the same.

Praying for Vocations, financially supporting the education of men to the priesthood.

To this end we held a bucket collection at St Mary's last Sunday. Many thanks to Fr Bill for allowing such and a big thank you to the generosity of the parishioners for the €1,011 raised.

We have a branch of the Society in Divine Mercy Church and meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10.30am.  
*All are welcome to join.*

## The Lost Village Green

Further to recent correspondence in the Lucan Newsletter about the lost village green, your readers might like to know the amount of money that is being spent by South Dublin County Council on what amounts to the destruction of something that made Lucan village special. The earliest photographs of the village that I have seen feature the Green with its trees!

I understand that in all something in excess of €8 million is being spent by the Council on “works” in our village and that the cost of the work, if it is ever finished, on what was our village green is of the order of €3 million. I understand that a further €1.3 million is being spent on whatever is being built in the space opposite MacDonalds. It is legitimate to ask the question if this expenditure is an appropriate use by the Council of tax payers’ and rate payers’ money. It would be helpful to have formal confirmation or otherwise of these figures from our local representatives on the Council who have been strangely silent in relation to these works.

It would also be reassuring to have confirmation from our local representatives that there is no truth in the rumour circulating in the village that these works are a form of revenge because the Council’s earlier proposals in relation to parking in the village were rejected by the people of Lucan.

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael Grant*

## Lucan Goal Mile



**Christmas Morning 10 – 12 noon**  
**Lucan Harriers A.C. Track**

Run, Walk, Jog or Talk  
One mile to support Goal Ireland’s work throughout our world, also helping those less fortunate enduring war, famine, and oppressions worldwide.

No pre-registration required.  
Donations on the day or see [www.goal.ie](http://www.goal.ie) for online donations and T-shirts etc.

*Info: 087 2132244 – G. Martin*

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

Last week-end we went to Westport Woods Hotel, where we had a very enjoyable time. Lovely food, accommodation and entertainment, all very pleasant. Members visited some local sites, including Knock Shrine and of some shopping, all in all a fabulous week-end.

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, 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 Senior Citizens

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we had our social morning and Christmas lunch in the Spa Hotel. We arrived to a beautifully decorated room enjoyed our tea and scones, and a delicious Christmas lunch. A special thank you to all the staff who looked after us so well.



We celebrated a very special birthday – Nodlaig Foran will be 90 on 24<sup>th</sup> December. We wish Nodlaig many more years of health and happiness.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our members, the Parish Centre Staff, and Lucan Newsletter Staff.



**Looking forward** to the **Aontas Concert** in St. Patrick’s next Wednesday night – really getting into the spirit of Christmas.

**Christmas Fair** in Lucan House grounds this Sunday – should be fun!

**And still no Swimming Pool** as we near the end of another year.....

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have several items on hold due to pressure of space, but we’ll get to them all in the coming weeks...

## Village Green, Now Village Grey

Once Lucan had a village  
green,  
A quiet heart, a timeless scene,  
Where willow branches used to  
sway,  
Now village green is village  
grey.

The trees that framed our every  
view,  
Ghosts of the past that we once  
knew,  
Concrete spreads where roots  
once lay,  
And all the colour's drained  
away.

An amphitheatre by the river,  
Steps descending where leaves  
would quiver,  
Now edges hard where soft had  
been,  
And steel where branches once  
grew green.

Bretland's diggers came and  
stayed,  
Nine million euro cash was  
paid,  
Stop-go traffic rules the way,  
With narrowed roads and long  
delay.

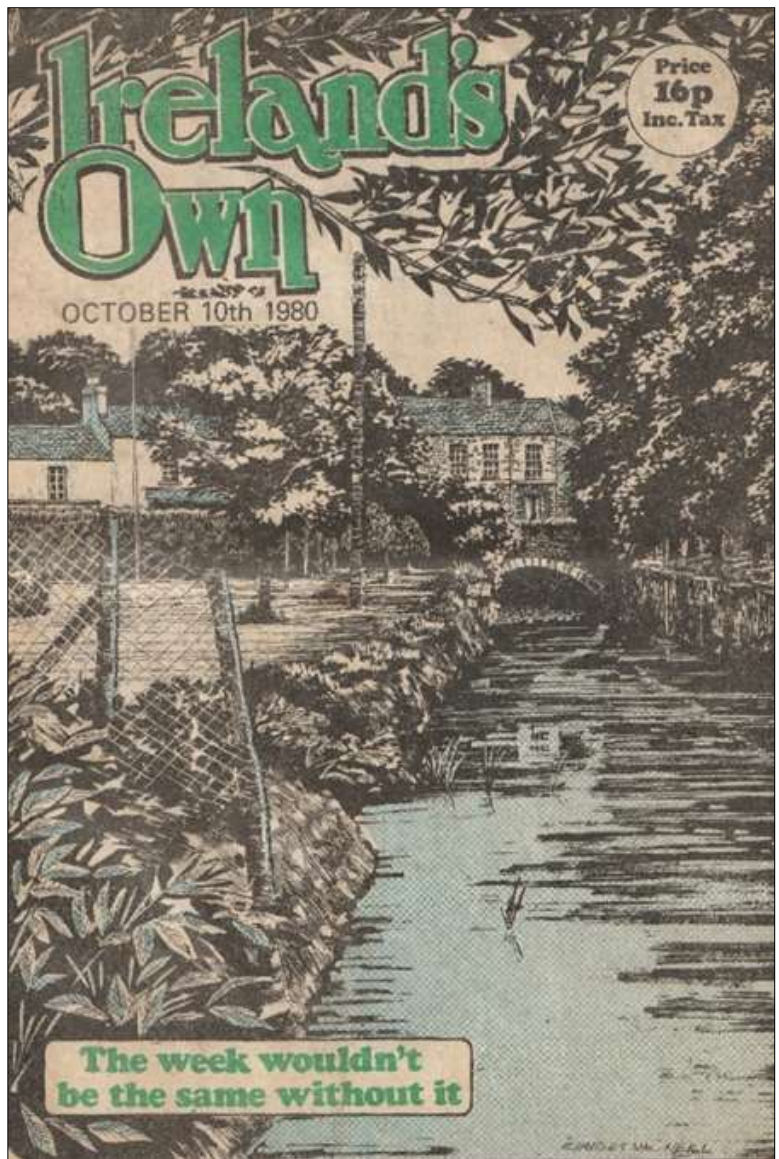
Footpaths widened, roads  
squeezed tight,  
A bus stop blocking half the  
site,

Courtney's thatch still stands today,  
But poor Old Willow's gone away.

Residents watch with weary eyes,  
The cost too high, the loss unwise,  
A village changed beyond repair,  
Its gentle heart now stripped and  
bare.

No village green for children's play,  
Just village rock where grey slabs  
lay,  
And though they say "improvement's  
due,"  
Lucan feels less Lucan and more  
brand new.

By Rory Thynne



Above, the front cover of **Ireland's Own**, from October 10<sup>th</sup> 1980, when we had a *Village Green*!

In truth, we called it *The Park*, at that time. Plenty of soft grass for kids to play on, and trees and plants to be enjoyed by all. Some will recall catching Pinkeens in the Griffeen, using jam jars on long strings.

From the drawing, we can see it was pre-thatch days at Courtney's.

The artist (*signed at the bottom*), was *Charles Mac Neill*, and like the slogan at the bottom of the page, it prompts one to say that ***the village wouldn't be the same without it*** - the Village Green.

**Thanks to Triona Walsh**, for this *Ireland's Own*.



# CHOOL NEWS



## St. Joseph's College

**Science Week 2025:** Science week is happening a little later in joesys this year due to term exams. Last week however there has been lots happening in the school with science quizzes, egg drop competitions, dissections by the biology department, competitions and science riddles and first and second years were experimenting with dry ice. On Thursday, we had the second years competing in the egg drop competition with some excellent designs, well done to all who took part.

### Maggie Gough Maths Competition:

Congratulations to all our 2nd, 4th and 5th year mathematicians who took part in the Maggie Gough Competition 2025. There were over 23,200 entries from 232 schools across the country. Of this, 90 students achieved the maximum 100 points. A massive congratulations to our very own Grace Zhang in 5th year who is part of this amazing statistic and is now the proud recipient of a Maggie Gough Outstanding Achievement Award 2025.



**Under 16 Basketball:** Congratulations to the U16 basketball team who have progressed through to the league semi-finals next week. They beat The Teresian School 43-22 in the quarters today. Well done to all the players.

**Senior Debating:** Huge congratulations to the senior debate team who defeated New Cross College in their recent debate, 'Boycotting is the most effective way to end fast fashion'. Best of luck for round three next week!

**Junior Hockey:** Well done to our junior hockey who won 3-0 on Monday against Mount Anville

with goals from Sophie Quinn, Aimee Sherrif, and Isabelle Van Aesch.

**College Awareness Week:** This week marks College Awareness Week. On Monday, students got the opportunity to find out about their teachers and the paths they have taken in their education that now has them in their chosen profession as teachers. On Tuesday, sixth years had a talk from Maynooth University's new Nursing Department where students got a great introduction to their new Nursing degree programme.

**Sister Act Musical:** Sister Act was a huge success, we had 4 Fantastic Performances by our TY Students and parents and visitors enjoyed each show enormously. It couldn't have happened without the talent, skills, dedication and weeks of incredible hard work by our Director, Mr. Flynn and the entire production team including Ms Butler, Ms. Bligh, Ms Hanlon, Ms. Day, Ms. Keogh and Ms. Ryan and all of the staff who worked on costumes/props/programmes/parties/tearooms/raffle and so much more - you have worked endlessly to make it such a fantastic show.

**Junior Camogie:** A massive well done to our junior camogie team who produced a battling performance in their championship semi-final against Loreto Swords to win and progress to the championship final next week. In an extremely tight game, our girls produced a second half blitz to pull away from the opposition and win on a scoreline of 2-5 to 0-7. The final will take place next week where we play the winners of Castleknock College and St. Raphaela's, Stillorgan.

**2026 Calendar Fundraiser:** We are delighted to announce the sale of our St. Joseph's College Fundraising Calendar 2026 in aid of St. Vincent De Paul.

Our calendars make fantastic planners, wall hangings for kitchens and offices and

especially as Christmas presents to send all over the world!

This year's calendar features many beautiful images of Lucan and the surrounding areas. We are very grateful to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd., MyVet and Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar once again. Calendars can be bought directly from the school (01-6281160) and will be on sale in Centra, Lucan for €10.00 from Wed. 26th November.

**All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul.**



## Lucan Community College

**ETTA (Engineering and Technology Teachers Association) Awards:** Well done to our pupils from the class of 2025 Sebastian Russe Boyle and Alba Cooney Mercadal on reaching the final of the Young Engineers competition 2025. Also Sebastian Russe Boyle and Vicolin Maritoi on reaching the final of the Young Technologist competition 2025. Photos were taken at the recent Awards ceremony in Galway.



## EY Entrepreneur Awards:



Congratulations and well done to past pupil Aine Kennedy who won the Emerging EY Entrepreneur of the Year award 2025. Aine is going from strength to strength with The Smooth Company and is highly deserving of this prestigious

award. Congratulations Aine from all in Lucan CC. We are so proud of you.

**LCC Christmas Raffle:** Scan the QR code to enter our Christmas raffle or visit our website for the link, all support appreciated.



## Lucan Community College Night Classes

Spring term is opening for booking on our website [www.Lucancc.ie](http://www.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. Italian, Spanish, Knitting, Crochet, Creative Writing, Digital Computer Skills, Drawing and Watercolours, Tai Chi, Yoga, Kettlebells, Gardening, Guitar etc.

## Divine Mercy S.N.S. Balgaddy

On Dec 8th at 11am, the Divine Mercy Church, Balgaddy, will host a memorial mass to remember our beloved colleague, teacher, and friend, Donie Halleran. Donie passed away on Monday 10th November. He will forever be fondly remembered by everyone in our school community. Mass will be said by Bishop Donal Roche. We would like to welcome all those in the Balgaddy Community who were touched by his sad passing.

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Careers:** Last week, the school yard was transformed into a vibrant hub of activity as the Cairns Training Rig for student apprenticeships made its much-anticipated visit to our school. The impressive mobile training unit—designed to give students a hands-on introduction to craft, construction, and engineering careers—arrived early on Monday morning and set up for the week in the senior yard, which immediately captured the curiosity of students and staff alike! Over the course of five days, senior students from Design and Communication Graphics (DCG), Engineering, and Construction, along with selected 3<sup>rd</sup> yr practical-subject students, participated in an intensive series of 45-minute workshops delivered by skilled tradespeople.



The Rig was fitted out like a professional workshop, complete with specialised stations, safety equipment, expert tools, and interactive learning spaces—many of which students had never encountered before. The immersive environment allowed participants to step directly into the world of skilled trades and experience learning in a dynamic, practical way that complemented their classroom studies.

Of course, one of the most talked-about highlights of the entire week was the Virtual Reality Welding Exercise. Students were given VR headsets and hand controllers that simulated welding equipment, allowing them to practise their skills in a safe, fully immersive environment. The VR system provided immediate feedback on precision, steadiness, and technique, enabling learners to refine their approach before moving on to real welding equipment.

We extend our sincere thanks to Penny Keogh and the Parents Association for organising this highly successful and enriching experience. We look forward to welcoming the Rig back in the spring.

**Soccer:** Our u17 soccer team defeated Coolmine CS 2-1 last Friday in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, and final, group game in the Dublin League. The in-form Seán Connell scored two 1<sup>st</sup> half goals that proved crucial in the end.



Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr team were beaten 4-2 by Salesian College, Celbridge in their 3<sup>rd</sup> group match of the League recently with Evan Gill scoring two excellent goals. The team then defeated Hartstown CS 2-1 in their 4<sup>th</sup> match, with Peter Doyle and Daniel Breen getting the goals. They finished with 2 wins and two defeats in the group, which may not be enough for a top two spot.

Our u15 team defeated Holy Family Rathcoole 4-1 on Thursday in their 2<sup>nd</sup> group game of their Dublin League campaign. Bobby Guy (2), Jack Palmer and Haiden Bailey got the goals.

**Football:** Our 1<sup>st</sup> yr football team defeated Coláiste Cois Life last week on a score-line of 6-12 to 3-4 in the Tom Quinlan Cup. Eoghan Ware (1-4), Daniel Breen (1-0), Luke Whelan (1-0), Dylan Kennedy (2-0), Will Keane (0-3), Pauric Redmond (0-3) and Sean Marriner (1-0) got the majority of the scores in an impressive team display. The win meant that the team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the group so the team will now play in the semi-final of the Shield.

**Basketball:** Our u16 basketball team were beaten 53-16 by Gonzaga College last Friday in their East Boys Plate “A” semi-final. Mamadou Bah (5), Daniel Godson (6), Kevin Kwidzinski (2), Kai Luthfi (3) got the team’s scores.

**Hurling:** Our senior hurlers enjoyed an impressive 7-23 to 2-8 victory against Coláiste Éanna in their opening group stage match of their Dublin League campaign last week. Full forward Killian Costello had a superb game as he scored 4-3, while Páidí Murphy (2-3), Henry Greene (0-4), Aidan Doyle (1-5) Ciarán o’ Sullivan (0-4) and Derry Ware (0-1) got the other scores. The team then had a hard-fought 1-point victory against St. Paul’s College, Raheny on Tuesday in their 2<sup>nd</sup> game. The win secured top spot in the group and a home draw in the 1-4 finals of the competition.

Our u16 team were beaten 3-07 to 0-7 by Templeogue College in their Dublin League Junior semi-final last Friday. The team hurled really well throughout and battled like warriors until the final whistle. Daniel Wallace was a stand-out performer in midfield with a tigerish, committed and whole-hearted display. Caoilin Reilly, Shane Brennan and Finn Garner also had very good games for the team but Lucan’s campaign is unfortunately now over.

Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields who claimed the Dublin Minor “A” Hurling Championship title last Sunday at O’ Toole Park with a 4-13 to 2-13 victory. We had 10 players on the panel, although Jack McCarty and James Duffy unfortunately missed out through long-term injuries. The players involved were Derry Ware (0-1), Henry Greene, Ciarán O’ Sullivan, Páidí Murphy (2-0), Killian Costello (0-1), Michael O’ Brien (1-0), Karl Quinn and Brian Whelan.





## ADULT EVENTS

### REGULAR EVENTS

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

**Knitting Group** - meets every Monday from 10am to 12pm.

**Lucan Library Creative Writing Group** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

**Classic Film Club** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.  
Tea & coffee from 5.30pm, film starting at 6pm.

### Additional Adult Events

**The Disconnect Project Talk** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45pm. Join us for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone. Smartphone overuse has become one of the quietest, yet most powerful challenges of modern life. It is impacting how we focus, rest, and connect with others.

Join Eleanor O'Dwyer, founder of The Disconnect Project, for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone. Drawing on her own experience of breaking free from smartphone overuse, Eleanor explores how constant scrolling affects our wellbeing and shares simple, evidence-based tools to help you create a healthier relationship with your smartphone. Booking Essential through Eventbrite/ Lucan Library.

**Wreath Making Workshop** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Library.



### BOOK CLUBS

Join us for a fun and festive wreath making workshop. All materials are provided. Booking essential through Eventbrite/ Lucan. Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!



**Wednesday Book Club** – Date tbd – please contact staff

**Read and Eat Cook Book Club (new!)** – Next meeting January 2026, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> at 11.15

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Lucan Library is excited to be hosting the

**Annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10am-4pm**

Local crafters will be selling plenty of handmade gifts, offering the perfect opportunity to pick up some one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local small businesses.



There will be fun for all ages, with face painting from 10am-12pm and a magic show from 12.30-1.30pm and festive music with sing-a-long on the day!

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite**

### YOUNGER CHILDREN

**Reflexology for Babies and Parents** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am

**Storytime** - Every Tuesday at 3pm - no booking required, all welcome!

### OLDER CHILDREN

**Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm

**Cool Food School for ages 9-12** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

### EVENTS FOR PARENTS

**Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group** - Meets monthly. Next meeting: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. No booking required, all welcome

### EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition by **Society of Old Lucan** - Soldier's Commemoration exhibition – all month

Exhibition of artworks by **Local Lucan Art Class** – all month Christmas Exhibition

**Maynooth Road, Celbridge (beside Salesian College)**

**Our Christmas Tree Sale** Starts this week! Spruce up your Christmas season and support your local community -all in one! We're delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser Sale runs until **Sunday the 14th of December.** Monday to Friday 9am-5pm Saturday to Sunday 10am -5pm



**Festive Origami Star Workshop:** Join Martina McDonald for a festive Origami Star workshop in the cosy setting of the ACRE Project in Celbridge. Origami Star Workshop Dates: Saturday 6 December or Saturday 13 December. Time: 12:15pm to 1:45pm, <https://www.martinamcdonald.com/shop/p/origami-star-workshop>

**Festive Wreath-Making Workshop at ACRE** Saturdays, 6th December, 13th December. Time: 10:00am – 11:30am. <https://www.martinamcdonald.com/shop/p/wreath-workshop>

**Christmas Cards**, featuring a charming watercolour of Santa at the ACRE Project, painted by our very own Dave Hussey. Each card is 148 x 148 mm and comes with a matching white envelope. Packs of five are available to purchase directly from reception. All funds raised go back into supporting the work of the ACRE Project.

**ACRE Book Club - Expression of Interest** If you enjoy reading, good conversations and connecting with others in the community, we would be delighted to welcome you to the ACRE Project Book Club.

We meet monthly to explore a wide range of books. Whether you are an avid reader or simply looking to try something new, our club is a warm and inclusive space for everyone. If you would like to join or want more information, please contact [Harry@acreproject.com](mailto:Harry@acreproject.com)



## **NAGARHOPE CHRISTMAS CARDS – Pack of 10 for €5**

All proceeds to educating children in Nepal. Available from the St Mary's Parish Office. Also from 191 Beech Park or Phone Niamh at 087-0666891

## **Palmerstown Camera Club**

Palmerstown camera club had our monthly competition on Wednesday the 26th of November in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. The theme was (creative). The winners in novice Intermediate and Advanced were Amanda Breen, Mairéad Harrington, Linda Ffrench -Annie Whitley, James Grandfield, Declan Graham, Angela Dennis-Liam O Dalaigh, Lorraine Morris, Nina butler, Susan Carney, Orla Brady and Kevin Naughton. And the



image of the month went to Angela Dennis.

Palmerstown camera club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10pm.



## **survive&thrive**

Information and support for those who have completed treatment for cancer

### **Survive and Thrive Programmes 2026**

The Marie Keating Foundation's **Survive and Thrive programmes** have been created to help men and women who have finished cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal' after a cancer diagnosis.

The programmes include information and support guided by facilitators, lots of discussions on issues such as coping with emotions, feelings, stress and anxiety; becoming a self-manager - managing fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional and physical activity needs.

There is lots of engagement which creates a space to learn and grow and empowers you going forward in life.

This is an eight-week programme, we would love to help you to transform yourself and meet people who have gone through a similar experience who gets you and you get them.

Next programme - Tuesday 6th January - 17th February

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail [fsullivan@mariekeating.ie](mailto:fsullivan@mariekeating.ie)

To book a place log on to [www.mariekeating.ie](http://www.mariekeating.ie)

All programmes are free to attend but places are limited and registration is essential.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



**Christmas Gala:** Our Christmas gala took place on Saturday night and was a huge success. A heartfelt thank you to our amazing organizers Sara Hickey, Maggie Mulqueen, and everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and on the night to make it happen. Your dedication and effort made the evening so special for everyone.

**Lotto:** We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,200. The Numbers were **9, 15, 27 & 28.** **Lucky dip's** go to Sean McClelland, Nicola Miller, Tony Rignet, Dave Marten, Brian Karney. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,600. This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.



**Hurling:** Our Minor Hurlers secured the Minor A Championship in O'Toole Park on Sunday morning against a strong St. Jude's side winning out on a scoreline of 4-13 to 2-13. A massive well done to all players and management.



**Match Report:** Lucan struck first when Jack Mills finished a move to the net inside the opening minute, a score that settled the nerves and set the tone after an intense passage of play where possession was repeatedly turned over and won back. Lucan responded well when Judes pointed, with a stylish effort from David Coakley after a fine catch and over-the-shoulder strike. The forwards, led by the work rate of Henry Greene, Oscar Brennan and Micheal O'Brien, pressed relentlessly, while backs Killian Costello, Karl Quinn and Danny Ryan delivered quality ball forward, even if that early dominance was not fully reflected on the scoreboard. In the 10th minute, a long free from Costello caused chaos in the Judes square and Paidi Murphy reacted quickest, kicking and then pulling on the ball on the ground to find the net. Lucan mixed long and short puck-outs effectively through goalkeeper Evan Flynn,



with Patrick Cosgrove and Brian Whelan taking several short restarts and using possession well. Lucan closed out the first quarter with a Mills free after good link play by Brennan and Charlie Mooney to find Sam Curran, who drew a foul.

A crucial moment came when Judes broke through, only for Flynn to produce a big save and Danny Ryan to clear the danger. At the other end, the half-forward line of Brennan, Greene and O'Brien dominated in the air, and the inside trio of Mills, Coakley and Murphy always looked threatening, though a series of wides and shorts meant Lucan did not fully capitalise. Near half-time, Whelan's huge delivery led to Murphy's second goal off the ground after Mills' initial shot was saved, before further Lucan scores from a Mills free and another composed Coakley point left the interval score 3-5 to 0-7. Half-time substitute Derry Ware opened the second-half scoring, quickly followed by a Mills free won by another powerful Brennan run. Captain Mark Byrne's introduction lifted the group even though injury curtailed his involvement, while Rian Doherty and Senan Bolger entered in the third quarter to add energy and composure. Although Judes enjoyed a strong spell to close the gap, Lucan's experience in tight games helped them stay calm. Costello, immense throughout, nailed a long-range free, and when Judes hit a goal and forced a throw-in on the 20, Lucan's leaders responded: Costello won the ruck and the free, Brennan's shot was saved and Micheal O'Brien buried the rebound. In the closing stages, Charlie Hughes came in and had a major impact, twice helping turnovers that led to points for Bolger and Doherty and then winning a free that Mills converted. Even after a late Judes goal narrowed the margin, Mills pointed another free and a flowing move finished by Sam Curran sealed a 4-12 to 2-13 victory for Lucan Sarsfields. This triumph was the culmination of 11 months of unwavering dedication from an exceptional group of players, whose coachability and collective growth shone through every challenge. The starting lineup—Evan Flynn; Brian Whelan, Karl Quinn, Danny Ryan; Sam Curran, Killian Costello, Patrick Cosgrove; Charlie Mooney, Donncha Mac Fiaich; Micheal O'Brien, Henry Greene, Oscar Brennan; David Coakley, Jack Mills, Paidi Murphy—laid the foundation with their skill and grit. Subs Derry Ware, Mark Byrne, Rian Doherty, Senan Bolger and Charlie Hughes delivered pivotal moments off the bench, proving the squad's depth. Injured warriors James Duffy and Jack McCarthy remained integral in spirit and preparation, while earlier contributors Gavin Lynch, Ciarán O'Sullivan and Fionn Delaney paved the path to the final. Late additions Davis Quinn and Liam Whelan ramped up competition through fierce training, and the extended panel—Eoin Darcy, Eoghan Burke, James O'Neill and Conall Duffy—ensured high-intensity sessions that sharpened everyone.

# POLITICAL NOTES



## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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**Christmas Bonus Payments:** Pensioners, carers, lone parents, people with disabilities and other long-term social welfare recipients will be receiving their Christmas Bonus from this week. In total, 1.5 million people will benefit, representing €370 million in support for households and local communities across Ireland, including Lucan.

**Lucan House Christmas Market:** Lucan House will host its Christmas Market this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 10am – 5pm. This will be a lovely community event and opportunity to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

**St. Joseph's College School Musical:** Huge well done to everyone at St. Joseph's College on this year's production of Sister Act. It was a pleasure to attend the opening night and meet so many of the talented students, staff and crew. The dedication, rehearsal time and teamwork behind the scenes were clear to see, and I'd like to congratulate all involved.

## Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin Rep

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### **Proposed Traffic Calming – Public Consultation:**

The council have recently published a list of proposed locations for traffic calming measures across the county for 2026/27. These include such changes as junction tightening, introduction of previously identified or requested speed ramps and some pedestrian safety improvements. Here in Lucan, there are proposed changes within Sarsfield Park, Moy Glas and Hillcrest. If you want to make an observation, highlight a concern or request something additional, you can have your voice heard by responding to; South Dublin County Council's Public Portal website <http://consult.sdublincoco.ie> under consultations from 24<sup>th</sup> November until midnight 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Or in writing to the Senior Executive Officer, Roads Department, Planning and Transport, County Hall, Tallaght, D24 A3XC. Submissions should be clearly marked "Traffic Calming Programme 2026/2027."

## Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party

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**Attention Local Artists:** I have a motion down for the Lucan Area Committee meeting asking that the Council Arts Office facilitate the setting up of an Artists Collective in Lucan. Visual Arts Ireland have said that a visual arts artists collective is a group of artists who work together to share resources, collaborate on projects, and achieve common goals, such as professional development, exhibitions, and advocacy. Obviously, it would be up to a local artists collective to

define its purpose, but it might, in particular, be a resource for working artists, of which there are several I know of in Lucan. I hope to be able to gauge interest from local artists prior to when the motion is debated. If you are interested in this initiative, you can WhatsApp me at 085 770 3140. I will work with all Councillors to support a collective if one is established.

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

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### **Flooding – Dodsboro Road to Spar:**

Blocked gullies cleared by Roads Department following my report. Council attended since and no further flooding.

### **The Oaks / Abbey Dale – Yellow Box:**

Request will be reviewed at January Traffic Management meeting.

### **Tree Maintenance 2026–2028:**

Following requests from residents of Ardeevin, Beech Park, Hillcrest, Kew Park, and Woodville estates, I listed these estates for consideration in the next three-year maintenance cycle. They are included on the draft schedule.

### **County Council Meetings:**

December County Council Meeting:

Monday, **08/12/2025** at 3:30pm. Area Committee for Lucan, Palmerstown, and North Clondalkin:

Tuesday, **16/12/2025** at 3pm.

January 2026 Meetings. County Council:

Monday, **12/01/2026** at 3:30pm (business closes **15/12/2025**). Area Committee:

Tuesday, **27/01/2026** at 3pm (business closes **13/01/2026**).

Watch live or view recordings: <https://sdcc.public-tv.coreportal/home>.

If you wish me to raise issues at **future meetings**, please email or phone me.

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### **Have Your Say – Meadowview Grove Traffic**

**Calming:** South Dublin County Council is inviting residents to share their views on proposed traffic-calming works in Meadowview Grove. The aim is to improve safety and make the area more comfortable for everyone using the road.

What's planned?

The proposals include junction-tightening measures at three key locations:

- Meadowview Grove / Hillcrest Close
- Meadowview Grove / Westbrook Park
- Meadowview Grove / Hillcrest Walk

These changes are designed to slow vehicles, improve visibility and support safer walking routes. **Public Consultation:** 24 November – 23 December 2025. You can review the plans and make a submission at [consult.sdublincoco.ie](http://consult.sdublincoco.ie) under Proposed Traffic Calming Programme 2026/2027.

*Political Notes continued over.....*

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**Meeting with Garda Superintendent:** This week, Paul Gogarty TD and I met the Garda Superintendent to raise local concerns. Many women reported feeling unsafe at night due to e-scooters passing too closely; a targeted “sting” operation for e-scooters is being considered. We also requested more random patrols in Griffeen and Adamstown parks after dark.

### **Griffeen Park Teenspace / Skatepark Upgrade:**

Following my November motion, €120K has been allocated for a new teen facility near Lucan’s skatepark in Griffeen Valley Park. Options include an extra skating bowl or other teen-friendly spaces. A user consultation will ensure the design reflects local views. Additional park space was planned for, should the survey indicate skatepark expansion—very positive news for Lucan’s youth.



## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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**TDs meeting with Council CEO:** A number of issues were highlighted including the pool delay (now due by Spring hopefully), village works (Feb/March with easing of road works for Christmas lead-up) and multiple land rezoning proposals (directed by Government) including St Ed’s housing, going to consultation in new year. I described this as an abomination, but there are other proposals that make no sense especially with our traffic problems, no tie-ins of infrastructure and facilities, and of course the recent delay of DART+ South West for a further five years.

On a related matter, CEO Colm Ward said that SDCC is looking at a system to prevent concurrent road works being carried out in an area. This must have been informed by Lucan as we have suffered recently.

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**ReZoning:** The Government has instructed all local authorities to reopen their County Development Plans and re-zone land for housing. Under the revised 2025 guidelines for South Dublin County Council the baseline requirement is now **3,217 new dwellings per year** up to 2034. I have raised serious concerns about proposed zoning changes in Adamstown (an Adamstown extension) and other local locations. While councillors may not be able to prevent the Minister’s push for re-zoning I will ensure any rezoning does not proceed without proper planning, public services and robust safeguards for residents.

## Lucan Planning Council

Despite our lack of success in not restoring bus route 25 and failing in getting the bus into Blanchardstown hospital, the fight continues. Its now four years since we lost route 25. The last Saturday before Christmas 2021 we made our first stance with a protest meeting outside Spar Green Dodsboro. Since then, we met at the same location every year. We will be doing the same this year on Saturday 20th of December at 11 30 to keep the flame lit. If you are around and weather permitting drop by as we have a simple solution to hand out that benefits our elderly citizens in the whole of the C-Spine. It will only be for a few minutes to let you know the battle is not lost. The NTA are very unfair to our senior residents, most areas have the same experience, the latest is the taking city centre bus out of Chapelizod and the people are up in arms. Thanks for your support.

*Caitríona McClean (SEC)*

*Joe Byrne (CHAIR)*

*Tom Newton (TRANSPORT)*

## Mount Sackville, 160 years of Cluny

**Education,** written by teacher and historian Mary Delaney, is a specially commissioned hardback book selling for €25. Published in 2025, it is an ideal Christmas gift.



The book is available to purchase from the school directly in person or by phoning 01-8214061 or via click and collect at the following link:

<https://www.uniqueschoolapp.ie/go/pay?c=VkoDC>

If you require postage, please contact [accounts@mountsackville.ie](mailto:accounts@mountsackville.ie) to arrange (please note, postage will incur an additional charge).

## Adult Chess in Lucan Library

A group of us have been meeting to play chess in Lucan Library and our next session is Monday 1st December from 6.30pm to 8pm for an adult chess session. Many thanks to Lucan Library for making its venue available for these sessions. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to come along. Please feel free to come along even if on a drop-in basis, or Whatsapp Joanna at 0857703140 to be kept in the loop about this and future sessions.



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Soiree enjoyed their Christmas lunch last Friday in the Springfield Hotel.

Some of our photos this week have a Christmas flavour with a reindeer and a Santa submitted by Josie.

She submitted a photo of the ruins of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and its graveyard which can be found at the back of O'Neill's pub in the village and which may date from the late 12<sup>th</sup> century. The church was in ruins from the 1630s but the graveyard continued in use into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Josie also submitted a photo of the Prospect Tower, also known as the Tyrconnell Tower, which is in the grounds of Carton House and which was allegedly built by Richard Talbot, the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Tyrconnell (c.1630 to 1691). Richard was an Irish politician, courtier and soldier who was made Viceroy, or Lord Deputy of Ireland, by James 11 of England. Richard was one of 16 children!



Donal submitted one of his efforts from our recent workshop on still life photography and a nice photo of autumn leaves which he calls "Gold Leaf".

Finally, Joe submitted a photo of a branch of a tree laden with red berries that he found in Chalet Gardens last week. Not being a gardener, I cannot identify the tree. There is a belief that such a crop of berries signals a harsh winter, apparently a myth not supported by science. The berry abundance is due to favourable growing conditions in the preceding spring and summer!



*Stay safe till next week!*

