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Sunday 1st February 2026

St Brigid Brings the Spring!

The calendar of saints is built to accord with the cycle of both the religious year and the natural year. This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of St Brigid, our second Irish Patron saint. The secular world has hijacked this celebration with a portrayal of a woman who was a pagan goddess. However, this is not the Brigid that we celebrate as the woman on the calendar of the day.

The feast of St Brigid occurs on the first day of spring, the season during which sunlight notably increases with each day. Buds are pushing up from the ground and on the branches of trees and plants. The rusty brown of the mountain growth takes on a soft covering of light green, increasing by the day. Housed farm animals are agitating to be outside again. Animals and plant life are all getting ready to produce new life.



Like the older, brown vegetation on the mountains with a beauty unique to itself and a cushion and protection to offer new growth, the cycle of generations of people is built one on the other, each adding a layer to the foundation of all time. We have grown lots since the time of St Brigid! Our use of land, understanding of sciences, changing roles of people, mechanisation and industrialisation and source of values have grown in layers over the generations. We, as the new layer will be either the cause of growth of what is life-giving and adds beauty or we may be the cause of decay of the healthy layers of the past with a substance that has no roots.

The words and actions of St Brigid were focused and simple; she demonstrated the hope found in Jesus Christ and she built a community that lived the values of Jesus. She was focused on Jesus whereas the secular portrayal of Brigid is of a woman focused on herself as a goddess. Brigid recognised and honoured a power greater than herself.

In the recovery programmes, participants are encouraged to lean into the power of a higher being as a place of rootedness. A firm rootedness in something greater than ourselves, a life enduring purpose offers an anchor that holds us on solid rock or in a deep bed when the storms of life hit. A firm rootedness and anchor also offers us a place of respite as we gather our sense of direction in the beautiful times of decision so that our decision outcome will bear lasting fruit and bring joy.

St Brigid was a visionary woman of her time. In true celebration of St Brigid, we may present with a vision for our times, a vision which might ease our own burdens and those of others. St Brigid shared words of hope in her encounters; don't we all welcome any good news that may come our ways currently! May we open our hearts to the newness of spring this weekend and brighten our corner of the world with hope.

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

PRSI

People in employment must make Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contributions to the Social Insurance Fund which helps pay for benefits and pensions. This is why it is called a Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution. Some people who have unearned income are also liable for PRSI. There are currently 11 different PRSI classes. They are A, B, C, D, E, H, J, K, M, S and P

The social insurance payments you can get depend on the PRSI class you are in.

Each PRSI class is divided into different subclasses. These subclasses do not affect your entitlements under the social insurance system. They only relate to the amount of PRSI which you or your employer must pay.

How is PRSI calculated?

PRSI is calculated on your reckonable pay. Reckonable pay is your gross pay including any notional pay (or benefit in kind,) if applicable. There is no PRSI relief for employers on pension contributions made by employees. There is some PRSI relief on pension contributions paid by employers.

A wide range of payments are available to people who have paid social insurance. If you are not a Class A contributor, you can't get the full range of social insurance payments. This is because you are paying less towards social insurance than a Class A contributor. In certain cases, if your income falls below a certain amount, you do not have to pay a social insurance contribution, however, you will still be covered by social insurance because your employer must pay social insurance for you. More information is available in our page Paying social insurance.

PRSI contribution week

Your working week may not be the same as the PRSI contribution week. The PRSI contribution week starts on 1 January each year. Week one is the period from 1 January to 7 January, week two is from 8 January to 14 January and so on. For 2025, it started on Wednesday and ended on Tuesday. For 2026, week one starts on Thursday and ends on Wednesday. The contribution week can affect the social insurance cover of part-time workers and people job-sharing.

PRSI classes and people insured in each class

Most people pay Class A PRSI.

Class A applies to employees under age 66 with reckonable pay of €38 or more per week from all employments. Class A also applies to public servants recruited since 6 April 1995 and employees aged 66 to 70 (born after 1 January 1958) who are not getting a State Pension (Contributory).

Class A does not apply to people over 70 years of age and in insurable employment. They are insurable under Class J.

You can get more information about social insurance classes and the occupations covered by each class in 'Social insurance classes' on our website.

PRSI refunds

If the wrong rate of PRSI is deducted from your wages you are entitled to a refund.

To get a refund, either you or your employer should contact the Refunds Section in the Department of Social Protection (DSP).

Happy 15th Birthday

to our grandson **Sean**
on the 4th February.

Lots of love

from Nanny and Granddad Cummins.



Adamstown Sister's Shed You're Very Welcome!

Adamstown Sister's Shed is a relaxed, friendly women's group that meets every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm in Adamstown Community Centre.

We're always delighted to welcome new faces so if you've been thinking about getting involved why not come along and check us out? You're more than welcome to drop in for the first few weeks see how it feels and decide from there no pressure at all.

We run a range of events, workshops and social activities with lots more planned for 2026, and it's a lovely opportunity to connect, chat, learn something new and enjoy a cuppa together.

Keep an eye out for our posts on social media

Check out our Facebook page to see what we've been up to: Adamstown Sister Shed

Get in touch by email or:

adamstownss.am@gmail.com

Contact us by phone for more information:
0872795274

Griffeen Art Group

Hi all, we are back to the drawing boards on Tuesday, 27th January, hope everyone had a good Christmas and is rearing to go with some new painting projects. Hope to see you all back.

The group meets on a Tuesday night 7.30 -9.30 in the Muintir Na Tire Hall, beside Methodist Church. New Members always welcome, why not come and join us, we would love to see you there.

We don't have a teacher, but help one another with different styles of painting.

We don't take ourselves too seriously. Most importantly we have Tea, Cake and the Chat at 9 pm.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 4th February: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 2pm.



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 2nd February is a Bank Holiday in honour of St. Brigid, Ireland's other patron saint. Therefore, we will not be open for crafts that day.



Monday 9th February: We will continue working on our crafts.

Tea Hostesses: Mary Coyle and Mary Duffy.

We send our sympathies to Anne Beales on the death of her sister-in-law, Joan Tiernan R.I.P

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

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Springfield Hotel
Lucan
Tues 3rd and Wed 4th Feb
3.45pm to 8.00pm

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 731 137

giveblood.ie Follow us for updates & news

Esler Active Retirement Association

Esler Active Retirement Club meet every Wednesday at 1.30 pm in St Andrews Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan. New members are always welcome.



Next **Wednesday 4th**

February we are having our **Annual General Meeting** at 2pm, we would like to see as many members as possible attending.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



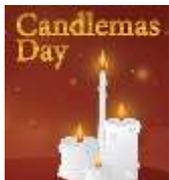
Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

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.

Monday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day):



Candles will be blessed during the Mass. A limited number of candles will be available and if you wish to have your own candles blessed, please put them on the table in front of the altar before Mass.

Tuesday 3rd February is the Feast of St Blaise.

Blessing of throats will take place at the 10am Mass.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

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

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster February 2026

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of February 2026 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

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

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: 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 01 621 7041).

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

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.

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

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Desmond Ormond**, Chalet Gardens, to the family and friends of **Kathleen Marten**, Hillcrest and to the family and friends of **Deirdre Waters**, Beech Grove.
May they rest in peace.



ARE YOU AGED 18 - 35?
AND WANT TO EXPLORE A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?
SOCIALIZE WITH OTHERS YOUR AGE AND DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

YOUNG ADULTS LUCAN
FIDES. COMMUNIO. FORMATIO.

JOIN US FIRST
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ESKER, LUCAN
@ 7.30PM FOR AN HOUR OF CATECHETICAL INPUT, ADORATION AND FRATERNITY

NEXT GATHERING 5th FEBRUARY

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

Mass and Anointing of the Sick



There will be Mass with
Anointing of the Sick on
Saturday, February 14th
at 12 Noon

There will be light
refreshments after the Mass.

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:

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm 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. The
Food Bank Team want to express sincere
gratitude to parishioners for your ongoing
generous support.

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

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

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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 homebound,
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

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



Medjugorje Mass
St Mary's Church, Lucan.
Monday 9th February
Mass at 6.15pm.
(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)
All Welcome

Deepest Sympathy

to our Parish Catechist
Cathy Burke, and her family
on the recent death of their father

Sean Burke

Knock, Co Mayo

May Sean rest in peace

From Newsletter Team



Acknowledgement

Philip Brian Barlow

We the family of Philip who passed away suddenly on 24th October 2025 in his adoptive home in Lianyungang, China wish to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the support we received from all our families and friends. We will be forever grateful for this support. Philip's wife Amy and sons send their gratitude to all of Philip's Lucan friends.

As a family we take consolation that our beautiful Philip is now in the arms of his adored grandparents May and Jack McNally whose anniversary occurs at this time.

I have a beautiful feeling

That you're not really gone

Just waiting on me

In a much better place

Mam, Dad, Jane and Lydia

Anniversaries

Anthony Carty

3rd Anniversary, 31st January

Three years have passed since you left us,
But in our hearts you are always there,
Though we miss you more each day,
Your memory continues to bring us
a gentle loving peace.

*Loved and missed so much from your loving wife
Mary, children: Sandra,*

Gavin and Lorraine, grandchildren:

Lauren, Craig, Kellie, Hanna and Ronan xxxxxx

**Anniversary Mass Sunday 1st February at
12 o'clock St. Patrick's Church, Esker**



Eoin Collins

4th Anniversary, 1st February

Late of Lucan Heights and New York
Always in our thoughts and prayers
Dolores and the Collins Family.



Declan Martin

12th Anniversary, 24th January

Late of Sarsfield Park

Never far from our thoughts

Always remembered Philo, Gerard and families

Josephine Murphy

6th Anniversary, 18th February

Late of Arthur Griffith Park

For our mum Josephine, missed every day
and remembered with love

*By her daughters Ella and Marie, sons-in-law
Noel and Robert, grandchildren Owen, Anita,
Hemisha and Jason, great grandson James and
Emma and great great-granddaughters Mia and
Hannah*

May McNally

12th Anniversary, 2nd February

Also remembering *Dad*.

Thinking of you today, Mam.

Knowing that you and Dad are

minding Philip gives us some comfort.

Missed every day.

Love from all your family.

Birthday Remembrance

Dara McLaughlin

1st February, 2nd Away from home

Love and missed everyday

Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

AnamCara

Supporting Parents after Bereavement

**Anam
Cara,** the
organisati
on that

supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly
Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9th
February 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

For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.



Happy St. Brigid's Day to all our readers!

It's nice to have a long weekend just now, after a long wet and cold January, and very fitting that we celebrate Brigid at long last.

Glad to see the back of Storm Chandra.....

While there were a couple of very wet spots around Lucan, we did not do too bad this time.



This was the night before the storm – a magnificent sunset over Lucan! It sort of made up for those of us who missed the Norther Lights the previous week.....

If it's February, it must be Six Nations Rugby!

Ireland will take on France, in Paris, on Thursday next. Fingers crossed!

None of the Dubs got off to a great start in their leagues. We were keeping an eye on Paul Casey's ladies, as well as the football and hurling lads. Indeed, the weather conditions were atrocious for all games.



The hurlers play Kildare this Saturday, and the ladies take on Meath on Bank Holiday Monday. On Sunday 1st, the footballers face Mayo.

We remember they got off to a slow start last year, and then came on in leaps and bounds – so more of the same, please!

Lucan Lions Club

Supporting Koins for Kids

Lucan Lions Club is currently raising funds for Koins for Kids, a 100% voluntary Irish charity supporting children with serious illnesses and medical conditions.

Koins for Kids works to provide vital medical equipment, including funding towards a Paediatric MRI Scanner for the new Children's Hospital in Dublin. This specialised equipment will help doctors diagnose and monitor conditions that cannot be detected using other imaging methods.

A unique part of Koins for Kids' fundraising is their acceptance of all currencies, including foreign and non-euro coins and notes, which are repatriated to help fund this life-changing equipment.

If you wish to donate, have spare change or unused foreign currency, please consider donating at the Lucan Lions Club collection box in SuperValu Lucan.

As a 100% voluntary charity, 100% of donations go directly to helping children.

Learn more at www.koinsforkids.ie

Mattie McCabe PRO

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Support Group for Mental Wellbeing

If you or someone you know is struggling with: stress, tension, anxiety, fear or sleeplessness, you are not alone! Recovery Self-help Ireland can help.

We offer group support to anyone who wants help to reduce suffering and improve their mental health. The members demonstrate a method by which they deal with the trivialities of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed by them.

Why not come along to our next meeting and try the method out. You can bring a friend. The meeting is confidential. Only first names taken.

Every Friday at 8pm in The Parish Centre, Lucan, beside the R.C. Church.

Phone 01 6260775 or find us at www.recoveryireland.ie



Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!



The Marie Keating Foundation together with the Dalata Hotel Group are hosting a **FREE Cancer**

Prevention & Wellness Workshop on February 4th in the **Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley**.

The event runs from **10.30am to 1.30 pm** with **talks** from a variety of **medical professionals and wellness practitioners**.

You can find the full Agenda and Registration here:

<https://mariekeating.ie/events/free-world-cancer-day-cancer-prevention-and-wellness-workshop/>

Light bites, tea and coffee will be served, there will be some **fantastic raffle prizes to be won** and, **parking is free**.

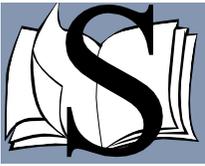
The Marie Keating Foundation Mobile Information Unit will also be in attendance, providing a welcoming, confidential space where attendees can speak privately with an **oncology-trained nurse**, ask questions or seek trusted advice before or after the event.



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Beidh Oíche Bingo á rochtáil againn dár scoil agus ba bhreá linn dá mbeadh sibh linn! Is féidir leat clárú tríd an gcod QR nó teacht ar an oíche. Tá fáilte roimh pháistí ó Rang 5 agus Rang 6 freastal le tuasmitheoir/coomhánair. Tá súil againn go bhfeicimid ann sibh!

We're hosting a Bingo Night fundraiser for our school and would love for you to join us! You can sign up by scanning the QR code or simply come along on the night. Children from 5th and 6th class are welcome to come accompanied by a parent/guardian. We hope to see you there!



Lucan Community College

Martial Arts Award:

Congratulations to Abbie Wade (2nd year) who was awarded the Irish Martial Arts Commission Award for Outstanding Junior Athlete/Martial Artist 2025 at the weekend. This is a massive achievement as Abbie was one of the youngest in the category and was chosen out of all the martial arts and artists all over Ireland. A very well done from all at Lucan CC.



exceptional. A group of friends from TY got to go to Tallaght to watch these wonderful plays being performed last week.



U19 Ladies Soccer: Well done to our U19 ladies soccer team who had another excellent win in the league. Lucan CC beat Hartstown CS 6-3.

Cross Country Championship: Well done to all of our students who competed exceptionally in the West Leinsters Cross Country last week in the Phoenix Park in tough conditions. Special mention to those students who have now qualified for the Leinsters.

TY Civic Centre: Three TY students had the opportunity to engage in a three-week theatre programme run in conjunction with The Civic Theatre in Tallaght. Students explored a range of activities to do with theatre, such as acting, sound and lights, directing, staging and production. Oisín Conroy, Eva Norton and Donagh Doyle are the students selected this year. As part of their activities, they worked with plays which were written by two of our students from last year. Holly Murray and Niamh Balfe took part in the Writing Programme at The Civic Theatre last year as part of TY, and it was wonderful to see their plays performed this year. The talent was truly



St. Joseph's College

School Athletics: Congratulations to the Joeys Athletics team who were superb in the West Leinsters Cross Country today. Well done to Lucy Cassidy who got through to the Leinster Finals in the Junior race. Congrats to the Inter Team who came 2nd in the 2000m race and will now represent us at the Leinsters also. Ana Jones, Poppy Lyons Kennedy, Isabella Lyons Kennedy, Ellen Kenny, Maria Hannon and Siofra Gough. Our Senior team also got through to the Leinster Finals coming 3rd in the team event. Ellis Tomney, Katherine Kilcullen, Isabelle Mullarkey, Moya Reilly, Tilly Molloy and Claire Guest.



Liberties College: 6th year students enjoyed a morning at Liberties College for their Open Day. They had a tour of the college, met current students and learned all about the different courses available and how they could then progress to both university and the world of work. Thank you to the college for the experience and the transport.

Mental Health Week: Last week was Mental Health Week in the school and we used each day to focus on one of the "5 Ways to Wellbeing". Some of the activities that were used were playing board games to connect, dancing to be active, thinking of ways of giving to someone special and on Thursday students gave their time to teach others a skill that they have developed. It was a really fun week and we'd like to thank all the students and staff who helped out and got involved, especially the members of the Amber Team, who put a lot of work into it.

Basketball: 1st and 2nd years had a great start to the Basketball Schools League last Friday winning both of their matches against strong teams from Maynooth CC. Best wishes for their next match this week

Careers: Many thanks to Dr. Emma Roycroft, a Specialist Medical Scientist in St. James' Hospital, who spoke with our 6th years this morning about study and a career in Medical Science. She spoke about how to qualify, what the job entails and prospects within the career. Thanks Emma for a very engaging talk.

Catholic Schools Week: Congratulations to all students who entered our interfaith photography competition for Catholic Schools Week. Our winners pictured with their prizes Mia Rose Siju and Alina Joby. Well done

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Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Table Quiz: Colaiste Phádraig's Parents Association are delighted to announce an upcoming Table Quiz Fundraiser, taking place in Kenny's Pub, Lucan Village, on **Wednesday, 25th February 2026 @ 9.00pm.**

Tickets cost €40 per table of four and can be purchased on the night, making it a great opportunity to gather friends or family for a fun and friendly challenge. All funds raised on the evening will go directly towards the purchase of school laptops, which will greatly benefit teaching and learning across the school. There will also be a raffle on the night, with a wide range of prizes available. We hope to see a strong turnout on the night for what promises to be a fun, community-focused, and successful event.

LCVP: Last week marked an important milestone for our 6th Year LCVP students as they successfully completed their Recorded Interviews, a key component of the Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme. These interviews form part of the students' LCVP portfolio, which is worth 60% of the overall grade. With the Recorded Interviews now complete, students can turn their full attention to the remaining components of the LCVP Leaving Certificate exam. The final 40% of the assessment is based on a written examination, which takes place in May.

Report continued over.....

Coláiste Phádraig CBS *continued.....*

Badminton: An u14 Badminton Blitz took place recently in Stepside Educate Together School and proved to be an enjoyable and competitive event for all involved. The blitz featured teams from Stepside Educate Together School, Woodbrook College, and our two U14 teams, giving students a valuable opportunity to represent the school and gain match experience. All students participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day. Our teams put in strong performances, recording convincing wins in both matches against Woodbrook College, before losing to a very strong Stepside Educate Together side.

Athletics: Our Junior and Senior athletes were in action on Thursday as they competed in the West Leinster Cross-Country competition, held at the Phoenix Park. We had 7 students running in the 2km Junior Boys race, which was run in atrocious conditions. The race was one large lap of the demanding course, and Daniel Abbott led the way with another fine run as he finished in a very respectable 19th place (in a field of 154 competitors!) in a time of 7:17.

The Inter Boys race was a 3km event, with 137 participants and we had 8 runners competing. Conor Abbot (TY) was our highest finisher as he ran another outstanding race to claim 3rd place in an impressive time of 10:24.

Soccer: Our senior soccer team advanced to the 3rd round of the Leinster Shield after defeating Coláiste Mhuire, Mullingar 4-1 last Thursday. Jack Andrews (3) and John Donohoe got the goals.

Our u15 team reached the 1-4 finals of the Leinster Minor Shield as they crushed Coláiste Chiarain, Leixlip 10-0, with Conor Brennan (3), Bobby Guy (3), Conor Dillon (2), Alex Deegan (2), Rian Daly, Eoghan Ware and Finn O' Sullivan getting the goals.

Hurling: Our senior hurling team advanced to the Dublin League Final "C" Final after an emphatic 6-17 to 0-7 win against Coláiste Cois Life.

Michael O' Brien scored an impressive 3-6 from open play. Paidí Murphy added 1-2, with Aidan Doyle (0-7), Henry Greene (1-0), Conor McHugh (1-0) also among the scorers.

Football: Our u16 football team qualified for the Dublin League Shield Final on Monday after defeating St. Oatland's College 1-6 to 0-2 in a low scoring, but ultra-competitive game. Aaron Farrell scored the only goal of the game. Daniel Wallace (0-4), Mason Butler (0-1) and Alex Nolan (0-1) got the other scores.

Lego Club: Last week saw the first-ever Lego Club at our school, with the inaugural session taking place on Thursday in Mr. Lyon's room. A healthy group of enthusiastic 1st yr students turned up, eager to take part in this exciting new initiative. The atmosphere was full of energy and curiosity as students explored the world of Lego in a fun, creative setting under the guidance of Mr. Todd, Ms, Hunt and Mr. Lyons.



The first session featured a simple but exciting challenge: to build the highest tower block possible. Students worked individually and in small groups, experimenting with different building techniques and designs. Some focused on wide, stable bases, while others tried stacking pieces creatively to reach new heights. The room quickly became alive with discussion, laughter, and friendly competition, as everyone cheered on their peers' towers and celebrated each small success.



The launch of Lego Club is a fantastic addition to our school's extracurricular offerings.

Conversational Irish

in

St Mary's Parish Centre

10.30-11.30a.m.

every Wednesday.

All are welcome



VALENTINES DAY

Eventbrite will open on **Saturday 7th** at the same time as the event starts.

Saturday 14th at 10.30am **Musical Tots**, Singing and dancing for preschoolers.

Saturday 14th at 10am **Cool Food School Workshop** for 6-8 year olds.

Saturday 14th at 11.15am **Cool Food School Workshop** for 9-12 year olds.

Saturday 14th at 1.30pm **Bonus Classic Film Club** screening of Roman Holiday, all welcome! (Event not suitable for children.)



ADULT EVENTS

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

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - **Lucan Library Knitters Club**, new members welcome. Meeting Tuesday 3rd due to the Bank Holiday, all other meet ups on Mondays.

Thursdays 12th and 26th from 10am – 12noon: **Lucan Library Creative Writers Group**

Tuesday 03rd February at 6.30pm: **Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults**. All levels welcome.

Saturday 21st at 12noon: **NEW “What’s the Story” Writing Club!** Email Aine at Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie



Additional Adult Events:

Tuesday 05th February at 2pm: **Table Quiz!** Contact staff to reserve your place.

Monday 09th at 6.30pm: **Adult Chess Club** – all levels welcome

Tuesday 10th of February at 2pm: **Pop up Clinic for new County Development Plan**

Monday 16th of February at 1.30-3.30: **Basic Sewing Skills for Adults**. Please book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from Monday 09th.

Tuesday 24th from 5.30: **Lucan Library Classic Film Club**- all welcome

Saturday 28th at 12 noon- 4pm: **Toastmasters session**. Please book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from Saturday 21st.



YOUNGER CHILDREN

Friday 6th and 20th at 10.00am: **Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group** meets twice monthly. No need to book.

Wednesday 11th of February at

10am: **Reflexology for Babies and Parents**.

Book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from 4th February at 10am.



Storytime – Changing to Mondays from Monday 09th February at 3pm. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on [Eventbrite](#) from Monday 02nd at 3pm.

OLDER CHILDREN

Saturday 7th February at 2pm: **Teen Digital Art Workshop** for 8-12 year olds. Full details on Eventbrite, book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from 31st January.

Thursday 19th at 3.30pm: **Art and Creativity with Elena** for kids 9-12. Book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from 12th February at 3.30pm.

Thursday 19th at 10am: **3D Design Workshop with Jennifer**. Book your place on Eventbrite from 12th February at 10am.

Saturday 21st February at 2pm: **Create a Fantasy Dragon Egg for Ireland Reads!** For 6-10 year olds, booking on [Eventbrite](#) from Saturday 14th at 2.00pm

Neurodiverse Events: Thursday 5th at 10am: **Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children** with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from 29th January 10am.

Exhibitions: **Poet's Perch Exhibition of Poetry** - starting 26th January. **St Mary's Camera Soirée - Photo exhibition** starting Feb 9th.

Closed Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat 31st - Mon 02nd inclusive

Please enquire with staff about My Open Library/ Extended Hours membership

Lotto



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,400.

The Numbers were **12, 14, 21 & 27.**

Lucky dip's go to

- Frank O'Leary
- Anthony Doody
- Fiona Dwyer
- Niamh Clandillon
- Declan King.



This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,800. This draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Mary Flannery.



Starting Thursday, January 29th we will be moving to our 32 number draw. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.

Awards Night

Our annual adult awards night will be held in the clubhouse this coming Friday 30th January starting at 8.30pm.

Senior/Inter Football Race Night

The Senior and Intermediate footballers will host their annual race night this Saturday 31st January in the clubhouse. First race off at 8pm.

25 Card Drive

Date: Fridays until 8th May 2026

Time: 8.00pm Sharp

Prize: 1st €50 (if 12 or more players),

Entry: €5 per player

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar)

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.



Academy

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

Age group times are as follows;

- 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am
- 2019 – 11am.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



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 5th February 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 5th February 2026, 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 next Thursday February 5th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

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

Paradiso Suburbia

Routines, Bills, Domestic bliss
 Kids sent to bed each night with a kiss
 No marital bliss here
 No goodnight sweetheart or good morning, dear
 no that's for all you others I swear

Go to mass
 say my prayers
 Hoping for the strange
 Realising year on year that nothing much has
 changed

No holiday here at least not for now
 and trying hard to keep a home somehow

Not knocking much outa life these days
 Trying too hard to change my ways

Ticking over all the time
 One day looks just like the rest
 Trying to be a good parent or friend
 but not feeling quite the best

Worries make me wonder
 What is all this for
 Is this really all there is
 then what's my life been for

Don't get wrong I like my life
 at least every now and then
 but thinking back what I could have
 been if I had chosen well

Paradiso Suburbia's the only place for
 me you see it's all I really know
 Held in this prison without walls
 things could always be worse
 Sometimes I wonder if it's fate or is
 just some curse

So what about it if I don't stir or
 give new found fangled things a whirl
 Will I ever leave this space
 ditch the shame the guilt and disgrace

I'm getting older and feel it now
 there's silver in my hair
 my neck it was once smooth like silk
 New wrinkles everywhere

A woman's life is racked with pain
 Don't get me started
 the younger freer fitter self has well and truly
 departed

No handsome man to take my hand and spin me
 across the floor
 Just cleaning, shopping, cooking and chores
 A domestic mule is all I'm for

Who knows where it will all lead
 My life so ordinary
 You wouldn't think to see me now that I was
 once extraordinary

I wasn't always so serious
 in fact, I was fun

But now there doesn't seem much difference
 (these days), between the shadow and the sun.

Authors name with newsletter

Eblana Beekeeping Course - Spring 2026 St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan K78 E138		
(7pm doors open... tea/coffee) Lecture 7:30-9:00pm		
Tue 24/02/2026	Open Evening - introductory discussions	
Tue 03/03/2026	1 i) Hive parts and Beekeeping Equipment	1 ii) Advanced topic [to be added]
Tue 10/03/2026	2 i) Inhabitants of the hive	2 ii) Advanced topic [to be added]
Tue 24/03/2026	3. Siting the apiary / The Beekeeping Year	
Tue 31/03/2026	4. i) Forage throughout the year.	4 ii) Advanced topic [to be added]
Tue 07/04/2026	5. Swarming and Swarm Control	
Tue 14/04/2026	6. i) Hygiene at the apiary incl. bee diseases ii) Honey Harvesting iii) Preparing for Winter	
Saturday mornings April-to- Sept	Visits to the association apiary TUD Blanchardstown and other <i>ad hoc</i> events	
Garrett Dempsey, Education Officer		

Contact secretary@eblanabeekeeping.ie
 for further details and membership enquiries re
 above notice.

Political Notes

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

Dáil office: 01 6184078.

WhatsApp: 0892364871.

Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Dáil Report:

This week I raised the need (with the Taoiseach) for full information being made public at inquests in tragic circumstances where a family member has taken the life of a loved one. I supported calls for an emergency payment to persons with disabilities, improvements to emergency mental health care, and queried deficiencies in international protection legislation. Other issues raised included our inadequate infrastructure (again) and issues involving childcare legislation.

Rezoning Proposals:

Keep an eye out shortly for details of major rezoning proposals in our county. This will require many submissions from residents as Councillors from the whole county will get to vote on Lucan proposal.

Peace Commissioner Document Signings:

Helen and I are on hand if you need anything signed by a Peace Commissioner.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 618 3013.

Insta: @emerhigginstd

Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

National Residential Retrofit Plan 2026:

This week the Government has announced a new National Residential Retrofit Plan 2026, making home energy upgrades more affordable and accessible for homeowners in Lucan.

From 3 February 2026, increased grants will be available for attic and cavity wall insulation, with a new heat pump system grant of up to €12,500.

From 2 March 2026, for First Time Buyers of second-hand homes, a specific grant for attic insulation will be introduced.

For homeowners on qualifying welfare payments, a higher fixed amount grant will also be introduced.

This is welcome news for Lucan residents, and I will continue to work with my Government colleagues to support households across our community.

<https://www.seai.ie/news-and-events/news/increased-grant-amounts-for-homeowners>

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

(085)2551602 CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Following residents raising concerns with me on local traffic issues, I raised the below at this week's **Traffic Management Meeting:**

Airlie Heights:

I requested an update on my representations seeking traffic calming measures. This will be considered at the next review. Given the proximity to a busy school, I've urged these be prioritised.

Millstream Road / L1018:

Residents report peak-time congestion blocking key turning movements at this junction. The Council confirmed that a yellow box will be installed at Millstream Road / L1018.

Lucan Road / Newlands Road:

I requested an update on the accessible parking space previously requested near the Sarsfield Park Health Centre. The team will review options on Lucan Road or Dispensary Lane close to the accessible ramp and revert.

Next Traffic Management Meeting:

24 March. Please contact me with your concerns or issues by 27 February.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

Email: hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Tel: 087-2794936.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwrjR>

Weekend Clinic Next Week:

My next drop-in clinic is Sat 7th, 12–1pm in the River Café, Lucan village. Please email or WhatsApp in advance if you need Peace Commissioner services.

Aura Leisure Lucan: Extended Opening Hours, Opening Times'

Following my motion at this week's Area Committee Meeting, SDCC confirmed that Aura Leisure will extend Lucan Leisure Centre's weekend opening hours to 6pm from January 31st. Once the pool opens (expected around March after end-Feb handover) weekend hours will extend to 7pm, with midweek hours increasing to 10pm.

Connecting for Life: Suicide Prevention.

I attended the inter-agency *Connecting for Life* work-planning meeting with Lucan/Adamstown groups. If any established Lucan groups wish to attend future operational meetings, email hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie for details. They are planning further engagement across the area in the coming months to support communities.

Political Notes continued over.....

Political Notes *continued...*

Cllr. Joanna Tuffey, Labour Party Representative.

Phone 087 392 0931

Email jtuffey@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffey

Old Esker Cemetery Tap:

This is something I have been pursuing for over a year, the need for a tap in the Old Esker Cemetery having been raised with me by a member of the public. I was very pleased to see work being done this week to locate a water connection for a tap. This along with the building of the columbarium wall by the Council in Esker Cemetery, are 2 local issues I have pursued continuously at Council meetings, and I am glad to see them come to fruition.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

Email: shane.moynihan@oireachtas.ie

Phone: 01-6184128.

Find me on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok.

E-scooters:

Regulating e-scooters is important, not only in terms of helmets but also in terms of registration and insurance requirements as well as ensuring that their specifications are safe. I raised this on the floor of the Dáil with An Taoiseach recently and am hopeful to see progress on this matter soon.

Special Class:

I welcome the sanctioning of a special class for Griffen Community College, as announced this week.

Clinic:

My next advice clinic takes place in Muintir na Tíre Hall on Tuesday February 9 at 1pm.

Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin Rep

Mobile: 087-2136345

Email: dobradaighsf@gmail.com

Twitter: @DerrenBrady1

Castlegate/Adamstown:

On the Ground I have been working with the team to raise and resolve several local issues within Adamstown.

A courtesy knock of almost 900 homes has taken place over the past recently, and I expect to be in Stratton and St. Helen's before too long. If you have any issues that are important to you, please email me.

Lucan Village – Public Bin Replacements:

Working with and in support of local residents' groups and Tidy Towns is something I actively involve myself in. I have made representation to the council for both public bin replacements and toward the installation of 'Big Belly' bin units in our village. Thank you to the volunteer/s that raised this with me.

Happy St Brigid's Day!

St Brigid is believed to have lived in the 5th / 6th centuries and is honoured for her role as abbess, founder of monasteries, and patron of farming, healing, poetry and generosity.

Restoring Route 25 Campaign

Further to our campaign relaunched on Saturday 27th of December 2025 to restore route 25. In line with the present bus corridor letter C our proposal it is named C25. It replaces four city bound route that were withdrawn due to lack of demand.



After taking a small sample survey we found there is great demand that this route should be restored. Many people at Adamstown and Shackleton said they would use it rather than go around the big loop in South Lucan. Similar finding in Dodsboro, Hillcrest and Woodview Heights as well as Lucan Village. An hourly service would pay for itself. It would help in reducing overloading in South Lucan. OAP's have paid their way already.

We call on the authorities to do their own surveys and find out for themselves. There is now justification for penalizing so many for so long. We call on all people with an interest on this issue to back us.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

Lucan Planning Council

I'm Blessed

I've seen better days,

but I've also seen worse.

I don't have everything I want,

but I do have everything I need.

I woke up with some aches and pains,

but I woke up. My life may not be perfect,

but I am blessed.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree will be mounting a selection of their photographs from their exhibition last November in the Parish Centre in Lucan Library from 9th February to 9th March 2026. So, at their meeting this Friday they were making choices as to what should go on display.

After the visit of storm Chandra (named after the Hindu god of the moon) last Monday and Tuesday it is cheering to be able to produce photographic evidence of the arrival of Spring in our gardens. I was surprised to learn that the origins of this storm can be found about 7,000 km away in the extremely cold weather that is gripping the United States just now! This has caused a much sharper than usual contrast in temperatures between warm and cold on that continent and this contrast supercharged the jet stream blowing from west to east that drives our weather patterns.

Now to this week's photos! Josie submitted a photograph of her first snowdrops, known as the first flower of spring, and a flower that has been known since the earliest times. Frances submitted a photo of spring flowers from her garden as well.



Michael G captured a beautiful rainbow over Weston on Wednesday morning. Did you know that rainbows appear in the western sky in the mornings and in the eastern sky in the evenings?



Don sent in beautiful photographs of sunset on Tralee Bay and an empty Barrow Beach.



Stay safe until next week!