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St Valentine

It is a little challenging to see how the real St Valentine has any association with the romantic image presented by the name in current times! He certainly can be ascribed as a man of deep love who gave of himself to heal people and sacrificed his life for his faith in Jesus Christ. It is a day to consider love, those whom we love and if that love is centred on ourselves or on the person being loved.

Romance is beautiful and enjoyable with all the happy hormones fuelling the system at high intensity. It builds memories to which we can return reminding us of our original purpose and good intent. Sometimes such memories bring us to review how we are with someone and to make a fresh start so that love is given a little leverage in relationships.

The real love that sustains any friendship or relationship is one which survives and even thrives through the most challenging of situations. Real love is about giving and doing the right thing by the person whom we love. There are many bumps along the road of love which shake us up and bring us to land on a spot not chosen by us! That love can be seen in accompaniment of a spouse, partner, parent, child, friend whose needs change or present with great challenge. It can be seen when financial circumstances are mind-blowingly challenging and people walk together to find that glimmer of hope that leads to a new place of safety and wellbeing. I remember challenging times in my own birth family when health, and consequently money, was a challenge and my father's response was that if we have one another, we have enough – it was true in our experience.

For those of us who work in pastoral ministry, we are blessed to encounter people at both their very best and worst in terms of how they deal with death, tragedy, illness, disability, financial difficulty..... Those in our experience presenting at their worst are in an OK space, usually, because they are in a talking space. Talk in tough times brings in an encounter with another person where the key to hope and love may be found, even if only in a small measure at the time, but it may be the tiny glimmer that leads to a better and more hopeful place. Talk opens one up to experiencing the love, trust and care of another person.

St Valentine was a man with a focus on both God and the goodness of people. As the commercial space is flooded with red hearted cards during these days let us open our hearts anew to all whom we encounter. Enjoy the weekend and spare a thought for those who might need a smile, a kind word or a deed to add the experience of love to their lives also. Love is a togetherness that makes the journey of life work well for everyone!

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

Free Travel Update

From 1 March 2026, to use Free Travel you will need a valid in-date Free Travel Public Services Card (PSC). The 'Date of Expiry' is displayed on the front of your Free Travel PSC.

Free Travel Paper Passes will no longer be valid to use from 1 March 2026.

If your current Free Travel PSC has expired, or if you currently use a Free Travel Paper Pass, you can renew or apply for a new Public Services Card at MyWelfare or at your local PSC centre. Please allow 10 days for delivery.

Postage Stamps

From 3 February 2026, stamp prices have increased:

The standard national letter stamp ('N' stamp) will increase from €1.65 to €1.85

A new stamp category for letters to Europe ('E' stamp) will cost €3.50

A new stamp category for letters to the rest of the world ('W' stamp) will cost €3.95

Prices for large envelopes, packets and parcels will also increase. An Post has published a guide to the new postal rates ([pdf](#)).

If you already have an existing 'N' (National) and 'W' (Worldwide) stamps, you can still use them after 3 February 2026.

Further information on our website.

Public Consultation on Apprenticeships Action Plan

Are you an apprentice, an employer who runs an apprenticeship scheme or a member of the public interested in the development of the apprenticeship programme?

The Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science is asking for feedback about the apprenticeship system in Ireland.

The views of stakeholders, organisations and interested members of the public will be used to help shape the new Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2026-2030.

Apprenticeships offer structured pathways to employment and qualifications across a wide range of sectors.

The closing date for submissions is 5pm, 16 February 2026. You can submit your response:
Online
By email
By post

Find more on the Consultation on the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2026 - 2030.

What is a scam?

A scam is an illegal or dishonest scheme that aims to steal from or defraud people. Scams target people of all ages and backgrounds through various methods.

Scams aim to trick you into giving away your money, personal or financial details and are becoming more sophisticated.

Scam warnings

You can stay aware of scams using government agency warnings, such as those on the Garda website and the Department of Social Protection (DSP).

Shopping online - Use CheckMyLink to verify the authenticity and safety of online shopping websites. It is managed by Cyber Skills, in partnership with ScamAdviser and An Garda Síochána. You can check that the website you are using is genuine and free from harmful software by providing the website URL (link).

Protect yourself

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More information is available on our website.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 16th Feb. We continue to work on our various projects. **Tea Hostesses** are Miriam and Marie.



We held the Dublin Federation Meeting in the Parish Centre on Saturday last 7th February. It was attended by some 60 members representing all the Dublin ICA Guilds. The Dublin Federation President Antoinette Rea opened the meeting; we had some lively discussions. The members brought in their crafts for display which were very much admired. We had made 100 baby hats for premature babies in the Rotunda hospital which were on display. At the break, the judging of the "Gem-pack" baking competition took place, a Cherry Cake, there were 10 entries and was won by a Lucan member. Afterwards, a table Quiz was held, a lot of tough questions, Portmarnock guild were the winners.

We were sad to bid farewell to our lovely member Abigail O'Callaghan last Thursday in Palmerstown. She had joined Lucan after Liffey Valley guild closed some years ago.



Abigail was a very talented lady at crafts, cooking, dancing and jam making. She travelled on many European and ICA trips to Strasburg, Brussels, Verona and other parts of Italy. It was nice farewell to see so many of her ICA and Palmerstown friends at the funeral. We send our sincere sympathy to her son Danny and family; we will miss her in our craft group in Lucan. Rest in peace Abigail.

We would like to remember Clair McBrearty on her 3rd anniversary on 10th February.

Mary Curley & Pauline Bligh

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Some members went to see the "Top Hat" the musical in the Bord Gais and had a very enjoyable evening.

The next outing is to see the film "Hamnet" and we hope they enjoy it. Also a visit to the Dail is being arranged soon.

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, every Thursday at 11.30am. 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.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:

February 14th, 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2026 dates: March 14th, April 11th, May 9th (later start), June 13th and July 12th.

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa



People's Art & Craft Fair March 2026

Open call for artists and crafters to participate in this year's "People's Art & Craft Fair", Sat 28th and Sun 29th March

The venue is **Canon Despard Centre**, Chapel Hill, Lucan.

The fee for the 2 days for artists is €60 per stand, and €60 per 6ft table or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.

Please contact us at peoplesartlucan@gmail.com

for a booking form as soon as possible as places will fill up quickly and we have limited space.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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:

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Wednesday to Friday 7.30pm.



**Wednesday 18th
February is Ash
Wednesday. Masses:
10am and 7.30pm.
Blessed Ashes will be
distributed at both
Masses.**

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 at funeral.

Confessions: After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After 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.

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:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment 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, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 621 7041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

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.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday **6.30pm (time change)** 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.

Cuppa: Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Gaye Kavanagh**, Tubber Lane, to the husband, family and friends of **Ann Ward**, Ardeevin and to the wife, family and friends of **Patrick (Paddy) Duigenan**, Ardeevin.
May they rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT

Saturday/ Sunday 21st / 22nd February

Many thanks for your generosity.

**During Lent Weekday Evening Mass will be in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm.
Covering both St Mary's and St Patrick's.**

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

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

There will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick

THIS Saturday, February 14th at 12 Noon

There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

Ash Wednesday - February 18th:

Blessed Ashes will be distributed after morning and evening Mass.

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: 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.

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.

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

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.

Wednesday 18th February is Ash Wednesday Mass: 10am. Blessed Ashes will be distributed.

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.

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

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.

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **NEXT Sunday 22nd February**
Thank you for your generosity.

Deepest Sympathy

to husband Eoin and family of

Ann Ward

who died recently.



Ann was a volunteer with Lucan Newsletter for many years, looking after the collation and deliveries on a Friday.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Lucan Newsletter Team

Death Notice: Ann Ward

Ward (Née Curran), Ann (*Lucan, Co Dublin and formerly of Mullinahone, Co. Tipperary*) – February 9th, 2026.

Peacefully, surrounded by her family and the wonderful staff of Marymount Care Centre.

Dearly loved wife of Eoin.

Predeceased by her father Rody, her mother Margaret, and her brothers John and Fergus.

Devoted mother to Padraic, Una, Aoife and Cillian. Much loved Granny to Róisín and Finn.

Loving sister to Billy, Malachy, Pat, Rodge, Albert, Sarah (McManus), Peggy (Coughlan), Mary (Scanlon) and Honorah (Sooter).

Loving mother-in-law to Graham and Katia.

Sadly missed by her brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours and wide circle of friends.

May She Rest In Peace.

Reposing in Cunninghams Funeral Home, Lucan on Thursday (12th February) evening from 6pm to 8pm. Removal on Friday morning (13th February) to St. Mary's Church, Lucan for Requiem Mass at 10am followed by burial in Esker Lawn Cemetery.

For those who wish to attend, but cannot, Ann's Funeral Mass can be viewed (Live only) on www.lucanparish.com



Anniversaries

Kathleen Kelly

12th Anniversary, 9th February

Always loved, never forgotten,
Forever missed, beyond words.
Your light remains in our hearts,
Today and always.

Loved and missed by Mam, Sisters Therese, Ann, Gemma, Louise and Michelle.



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 grandchildren James and Emma and great great-granddaughters Mia and Hannah.

Marie Murray

9th Anniversary, 18th February

Another year goes by without you

Another day to reminisce

Of all the time we shared together

And we think of all the special times you've missed

Flowers by your graveside

Photos in a frame

We still feel you all around us

But nothing feels the same

Loved and missed always by your loving family

Jim Smith

21st Anniversary, 6th February

Unfortunately, you had to go away

Over 21 years ago today

A lifetime ago, who would know

The changes since, that you missed

We think of you fondly, like a sunset

And all the grandkids, that you never met.

Always remembered by your loving wife Eileen, sons Joseph and James and all your friends and family.



"In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy."

For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie.

Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday last, we held our Valentine's Party, and also had some special celebrations.



Nora and Philomena celebrating their birthdays.



Our members had a delightful morning!



Wednesday 18th: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
New members always welcome!

Drama on the Way.....



Now that the new year is well and truly upon us, we are very happy to share some exciting upcoming events with you.

First of all, we will be hosting another **Open Mic Night** in Courtney's on Monday March 16th. Following the great success of the event last year we are looking forward to an evening of music, drama, poetry and fun.

We are also delighted to announce that we will be staging a production of that great Irish play **The Beauty Queen of Leanne** in mid-April.

And finally, for now, we will have an evening of One Act plays at the end of May.
More details to follow.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!



Happy Valentine's Day to all our readers! Go easy on the chocs!

Pancake Tuesday coming up – the last hurrah before Lent!

Watch out for some locals in this **Friday's Late Late Show** audience – hope they get lots of goodies!

Road Surfacing at night – things must be coming near an end with spanking new surfaces being laid on our village roads.....
Don't forget! There's a parade due on 17th March!

Knitting & Crochet Club



Thanks to Lucan Library we hold our Knitting and Crocheting Club every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at 10am for 2 hours.

It is a very sociable gathering for all ages which was established over 20 years ago. We gather together to work on our own individual projects and also work on Hospital Initiatives / Projects.

Tallaght Hospital have a voluntary run knitting stall - We supply them with some of our work to help raise funds for their Stroke Unit. Thanks to us and other similar Knitting Groups this stall raised 16,000 in December to help fund much needed items for the Stroke Unit.



St. James Hospital run a '**Connecting Hearts**' initiative whereby a pair of knitted hearts are given to patients and their families (A heart is kept by the patient and a matching heart kept by a family member). It is a therapeutic invention that works incredibly well in comforting patients and their families by helping them feel connected during challenging times.



Twiddle Muffs are also made for use in Homes and Hospitals - These can help calm and comfort patients with Dementia and other Neurological Disorders.



Making Premature Baby Hats is another of our ongoing projects for the Neonatal Units in our local Maternity Hospitals.

Our knitting and crocheting group always welcome new members - You don't have to be able to knit or crochet. There is always someone willing to show you how it's done.

Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a welcoming, vibrant club helping people improve their public speaking, communication and leadership skills in a structured and supportive environment. Whether you want to present confidently at work, speak comfortably at a family event, or simply challenge yourself in a safe space.



Our next meeting takes place:

Thursday 19th February 2026

7:45pm-10pm

Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. W23 W280

Who Is It For?

Lucan Toastmasters attracts a diverse mix of members, including:

✓ Community Members

- Individuals who want to overcome fear of public speaking
- People looking to meet new friends in a positive environment
- Anyone wishing to grow personally and challenge themselves

✓ Professionals

- Those preparing for presentations, interviews or new roles
- Managers seeking stronger team communication
- Entrepreneurs pitching ideas

✓ Students & Early Career Professionals

- Building confidence speaking in groups
- Developing leadership skills early
- Preparing for job interviews

We meet twice per month, on the the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the [Springfield Hotel, Leixlip](#) at 7.45pm. Admission is free for new guests and there is no obligation to speak.

Come along next **Thursday 19th February**, where a warm welcome awaits you!

Visit our website www.lucantoastmasters.com or email vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest. You can also follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#)

Conversational Irish

in

St Mary's Parish Centre

10.30-11.30a.m.
every Wednesday.



All are welcome



CHOOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

European Ambassador Photo Competition:

A massive well done to the winners of the European Ambassador Photo Competition - Anna Rose Jinson, Alice Wang, Molly Whelan, Hania Karim, Lilly Chadha, Rowan Wallace and Áoibheann Burke. The topic this year was 'What Europe Means to Us' and required a photo and 500 character caption to be included. Well done to all winners.

Dail Eireann: Last Thursday, the 5th year politics and society class had a brilliant visit to Dáil Éireann. They got to see debates in the Dáil Chamber, the Seanad and got a full tour of government buildings. Thanks so much to Paul Gogarty and his team for making it such an enjoyable experience for all the students.



Senior Debating: On Monday, our fantastic senior Concern debate team gave an outstanding performance against St. Gerard's, Bray - opposing the motion 'Significant progress has been made towards gender equality in the 21st century'. We are so proud of your hard work and eagerly await the results.



Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraigh

School Tour: Good luck to the 40th yr students and 6 teachers who are travelling to Poland during the mid-term break for what promises to be a skiing trip of a lifetime. From 13–18 February 2026, our group will swap classrooms for snowy slopes, cultural experiences, and unforgettable memories in the beautiful mountain town of Krynica. They met in the airport early on Friday morning for their flight and hopefully they have a safe and memorable school tour. We look forward to hearing all about it, and seeing some stunning scenic photos, when they return!



Subject Information Seminar: Last Thursday, our Study Hall was transformed into a lively hub of discussion and discovery as Transition Year students, along with 3rd year students progressing directly into 5th year this September, attended a highly informative Subject Information Seminar. Rather than a traditional presentation, the event took the form of a “Speed Dating”-style subject options session, creating an engaging and student-centred way to explore impending subject choices.

On the day, students were given the opportunity to sit with current 5th year students and ask questions about a wide range of Leaving Certificate subject options. In addition to individual subjects, there was a strong focus on Higher Level Maths, English and Irish, as well as

LCVP. The informal format allowed students to move freely around the room, choosing which subjects to explore and engaging in open, honest conversations with those who have first-hand experience of the courses.

This approach proved hugely beneficial. Hearing directly from peers who are currently studying the subjects helped demystify course content, workload, assessment styles and expectations. Students were able to ask practical questions, gain realistic insights, and receive advice that will support them as they prepare to make important subject choices in the coming weeks.

A special word of praise goes to our 5th year “subject ambassadors,” who represented their subjects with confidence and enthusiasm. They were knowledgeable, approachable and incredibly patient, answering a wide range of questions and sharing their experiences honestly and thoughtfully. Their contribution was central to the success of the event.

Basketball: Our 1st and 2nd yr basketball teams completed the group stages of their East Boys A League last week with matches against Coláiste Éanna, Rathfarnham. With two wins from their opening three games, our 1st yrs knew that another victory would secure them a top two spot in the group and qualification for the 1-4 finals of the Cup competition. Coláiste Éanna were the better team in the opening 1-4 as they took an early 10-4 lead. Nathan Adjinakou was the difference maker in the next 1-4, which Lucan won 11-10. Nathan scored 9 points and Cian Glennon got the other score. The 3rd 1-4 also belonged to Lucan, who won this period 15-11 to close the gap to just a single point entering the final quarter. Nathan (7) and Alfie Donohue (8) scored all 15 points between them in this 1-4. The final 1-4 was a roller coaster of emotions for both sides, with momentum swinging back and forth before a dramatic and disputed call late on ignited debate, split opinion and ultimately swung momentum in Coláiste Éanna’s favour in a gripping and dramatic final few seconds. Scores from Billy Gogarty (6), Jack Collins (2) Nathan (4) and Alfie (2) left Lucan 44-42 in front with just 15 seconds remaining. Coláiste Éanna, while in “the bonus”, were awarded two free throws despite the disputed foul being committed in their own half. They took both throws to level the scores and just secs late they managed a stunning three-pointer from distance to break Lucan’s hearts. Coláiste Éanna won the game 47-44 and this defeat ultimately cost Lucan a place in the next round, as they slipped to 3rd place in the group by the time all of the other games had been completed.

Lucan Community College

Junior Volleyball: Well done to our Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball teams! They took on Celbridge Community School and Stepside Educate Together on Thursday and both teams won one out of two games. We are incredibly proud of the students for their excellent behaviour and strong sportsmanship throughout the tournament, a true credit to themselves and our school. A big thank you to Ms O'Dowd and Ms Collins for their support on the day.



Lucan CC to get new school building: We were delighted to welcome Emer Higgins TD to Lucan Community College to discuss our new school development plans. We are pleased to have commenced Phase 1 of our extension and are hopeful that Phases 2, 3 and the refurbishment of the existing school will begin in quick succession, allowing us to realise the full potential of our school building and further enhance our facilities for students and staff.

Past Pupil Success: We are delighted that our past student Saoirse Fitzgerald has signed with the University of Washington.



She will head to Seattle in September to start her track scholarship with one of the premier middle-distance colleges in the NCCA. The very best of luck from everyone at Lucan CC.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

We're a vibrant community centre and we are delighted to share some of the great activities we are hosting including the following:



Baby & Toddler Group – fun, play, and connection for little ones and parents - Mondays 11 to 12.30pm

Active Over 55's Group - stay active, social and connected on Thursdays from 1 to 3pm.

Also on at the centre:

Irish classes, Yoga, Sound Bath and Art Classes and Good Grief Cafe.

Room Rental is Available - we have spaces to rent - ideal if you are thinking about running a class or group

To Get in Touch

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245.

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!

VALENTINE'S DAY

Saturday 14th at
1.30pm Bonus
Classic Film
Club screening
of Roman
Holiday.



All welcome! (Event not suitable for children.)

Saturday 14th at 10.30am Musical
Tots, Singing and dancing for
preschoolers. Book On Eventbrite

Saturday 14th at 10am

**Cool Food School Workshop for 6-
8 year olds.** Book On Eventbrite

Saturday 14th at 11.15am

**Cool Food School Workshop for 9-12 year
olds.** Book On Eventbrite



ADULT EVENTS

Regular Events:

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

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - **Lucan Library
Knitters Club**, new members welcome.

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

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

Monday 16th of February at 1.30-3.30:
Basic Sewing Skills for Adults. Please book your
place on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

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](https://www.eventbrite.ie) from Saturday 21st.

BOOK CLUBS

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book
clubs - new member’s welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club:

Monday, 23rd February at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 25th February,
7pm

New Book Club:

Read and Eat Cook Book
Club Thursday 19th of
February at 10.30am

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Older Children

Thursday 19th at 3.30pm:

Art and Creativity with Elena for kids 9-12.

Book your place on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.ie) 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](https://www.eventbrite.ie) from Saturday 14th at 2.00pm

Exhibitions:

Poet’s Perch Exhibition of Poetry



**St Mary’s Camera Soirée - Photo
exhibition** starting Feb 9th.

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays,

in **St. Mary’s Parish Centre,**

from **9.30 to 11.30am.**

All Welcome!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €6,200.

The Numbers were **9, 11, 27 & 29.**

Lucky dips go to

- Christy Boylan
- Tommy Flannery
- Tadhg Clandillon
- Dolores Maher
- Ollie Mann.



This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €6,600.

This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Edel Mooney.



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

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.



Membership

2026 membership renewal is open at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club!

Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st, so let's get everyone set up for another great year.

Please see latest notes on ClubZap for procedures on how you can renew.



Vetting/Safe Guarding

Please keep an eye out on our socials for any Garda Vetting Clinics or Safe Guarding courses coming up!!!

Go Games

Go Games for our Under 8-12 boys' teams are due to start back this coming weekend. We hope it's an enjoyable year for all involved and a special mention to our Under 8s who, weather depending, will play their first official matches for the club!!

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.

Esler Active Retirement Association

Esler Active Retirement club meets up at 1.30 every Wednesday in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan. If you would like to know more about us, come along any Wednesday to have a chat and see if you would like to join. In addition to our weekly meeting, we organise various trips and outings. Our members are currently looking forward to a 4 day break in the Raddison Blue in Sligo, and a 6 day air and coach trip to Portugal.



February Online Bereavement Information

Evening for bereaved parents - regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement.

This event will take place online on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm

This Bereavement Information Evening is a special collaboration with our colleagues in the bereavement space, featuring voices from A Little Lifetime, Féileacáin, and HUGG. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Brid Carroll.

Bereaved parents are warmly invited to register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ByW9TDxDRYGUhlByOVBIRO#/registration>

Shrine of St. Valentine

Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin



Throughout the centuries since Valentine received martyrdom there have been various basilicas, churches and monasteries built over the site of his grave. Therefore, over the years, many restorations and reconstructions took place at the site. In the early 1800's, such work was taking place and the remains of Valentine were discovered along with a small vessel tinged with his blood and some other artefacts.

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite by the name of John Spratt was visiting Rome. Apparently, his fame as a preacher had gone before him, no doubt brought by some Jesuits who had been in Dublin. The elite of Rome flocked to hear him and he received many tokens of esteem from the doyens of the Church. One such token came from Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) and were the remains of Saint Valentine.

On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church where they were received by Archbishop Murray of Dublin. With the death of Fr Spratt interest in the relics died away and they went into storage. During a major renovation in the church in the 1950s/60s they were returned to prominence with an altar and shrine being constructed to house them and enable them to be venerated. The statue was carved by Irene Broe and depicts the saint in the red vestments of a martyr and holding a crocus in his hand. Hand-painted replicas of this statue are available in our Church Shop.

Today, the Shrine is visited throughout the year by couples who come to pray to Valentine and to ask him to watch over them in their lives together. The feast-day of the saint, February 14, is a very popular one.

Prayer to St. Valentine

Saint Valentine,

true servant who shed his blood
in defence of the sacraments and faith in Jesus
Christ,
intercede for us today, we pray.

Gain for us the strength to be steadfast like you
in witnessing to the true faith to the end of our
days,
and help us never to lose hope in the Lord
who is always near us.

Intercede for those men and women who are
preparing for marriage:
help them to know one another and the true
meaning
of the sacramental bond they are preparing to
enter.

Intercede for those who are joined together
in the sacrament of marriage,
that they may never give up when trials come
their way
but may remain faithful to each other,
and to the Lord who blessed their union.

May your love for the Lord be an inspiration for
our love for each other, for the love between
husband and wife,
and for the love and charity we extend to all
whom we meet.

Amen.

The above is taken from
www.whitefriarstreetchurch.com

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HGV bans: I have raised the need to introduce technological solutions (e.g. automatic number plate recognition) to ensure that HGV bans are enforced, both in the Dáil and at the Transport Committee. I will continue to pursue it, especially for roads such as Newcastle Road. SDCC will commence a Public Consultation on HGV restriction routes from February 12th to 11th March.

Education Therapy Service: I welcome the inclusion of Lucan Community Special School in the first phase of the rollout of the Education Therapy Service, which is designed on linking therapists with children in schools.

Bus Transport: I welcome the provision of an additional departure on the C4 route but am still waiting for the results of the bus demand review which I secured last year. In the Dáil, I also raised the need for Clonburris to have its own specific bus routes to avoid pressure on existing Lucan services.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Progress at Lucan Community College: It was a pleasure to meet with the principal and deputy principals of Lucan Community College last Friday to discuss ongoing development plans and to see the progress being made on Phase 1 of the school extension. This important project will help meet growing demands locally. We also discussed the importance of progressing phase 2, 3 and the refurbishment of the existing school. This will ensure the best possible learning environment for students and staff, and I will continue to support the school as these plans move forward.

Education Therapy Service for Lucan

Community Special School: I was delighted to receive confirmation that Lucan Community Special School will be included in the first phase of the new Education Therapy Service. Securing additional SNAs remains a priority to help accommodate students onsite for longer school days.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party

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Attention Local Artists: There will be a meeting for local artists in the Lucan Leisure Complex - training room this Monday 16th February 2026 at 8pm with Richie O'Sullivan Assistant Arts



Officer of South Dublin County Council. This follows on from my motion about the Council Arts Office facilitating the establishment of a local artist network or collective. Feel free to contact me about this meeting if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

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Village Green Planting: A “substantial quantity” of planting is due following the completion of the hard landscaping (hopefully in April), says SDCC. But Helen and I are underwhelmed with the type of planting currently being proposed which appears less than commitments given when several trees were cut down outside of the plan framework. Helen has tabled a motion seeking the planting of semi-mature trees.

Dáil Report: This week I queried the need to roll out our national Hydrogen Implementation Plan to store excess renewable energy production and ensure security of national supply and ultimately cut energy bills for consumers. I supported a motion to update Coco’s Law in relation to online harassment and other harmful communications and contributed to committee debates on short term lets and EU emissions trading.

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

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Paddocks / Shackleton Drive: Taking in Charge approved this week, enabling plans to progress on the pedestrian link between Paddocks and Hillcrest.

Bike Theft: I’m pleased having raised the need for a solution that this week Ten new bike stands are installed in the courtyard at Lucan Leisure Campus in clear sight of reception.

Road resurfacing is planned at Adamstown Road, Lucan Bridge, Esker Lawns, Leixlip Road (R148), and Lucan Newlands Road. Footpath repairs planned for Arthur Griffith, Weston, Castlegate, Canonbrook Ave/Court, St. Finians, and Lucan Heights.

Flooding: Funding is now allocated for works at Hillcrest Walk and AGP, issues I consistently raised.

Lucan United: Thank you to the council Public Realm team for their quick response to pitch damage at Lucan United; funding is now secured to protect the pitch.

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Political Notes continued over.....

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Potential Lucan Rezoning: With new Government-requested proposals for additional residential rezoning looming, we need to examine if Lucan can absorb further population growth. Significant housing is yet to be built in Adamstown before any extra rezoning is even considered. I support new homes, but only where infrastructure (roads, transport, schools, community facilities) can cope.

Living with Trees – Your Voices Made a Difference: Following SDCC's updated *Living with Trees* policy, many resident concerns were included, including issues raised about root-spread affecting gardens and homes. I also pushed for climate change-resistant tree planting and using felled trees for community sculpture; both now incorporated.

SDCC is now seeking locations for "mini woodlands" in local estates and ideas for public sculpture from necessary tree removals. If you'd like to discuss ideas or submissions, please get in touch.



Cllr. Liona O'Toole - Independent –

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An Post Delivery: I have received numerous complaints from residents across Lucan regarding ongoing delays in postal deliveries including important letters and parcels. I have tabled a motion for the upcoming Lucan Area Committee meeting requesting that the Council write formally to An Post seeking clarification and improvements. If you have experienced delays, please email me with details so I can collate the issues and strengthen the case for action.

Under the proposed variation to the County Development Plan arising from National Planning Framework directives a significant proportion of additional residential zoning is earmarked for the Lucan area, including lands from Liffey Valley towards Adamstown. Approximately 64% of the county's proposed additional units are planned here. Public consultation is expected mid-February. I strongly encourage residents to review the plans and make a submission to ensure Lucan's voice is clearly heard.

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Lucan Needs More Community Space!

Demand for additional community space continues to grow with an ever-expanding Lucan. The Adamstown Community Centre was designed to be able to take an additional level. Recently I was in contact with the council continuing to press upon them for the need for greater community infrastructural gain. Whilst there are no plans within the current capital programme, I will continue to advocate for improved community and recreational space within Lucan.

Bring Banks – Bottle Recycling: By the council's own recycling targets of having a bottle bank within 1km of all residential areas, this is simply not being met in Lucan. 923 tonnes of glass were recycled in the catchment last year, but this is in fact down despite significant population growth. Increasingly, there is evidence of glass bottles going to landfill in the absence of nearby bring banks. I have proposed locations to the council

Metro Dart Access

A major flaw with the Metro Link underground it directs all public transport via the centre adding to the existing major flaw in public transport usage, taking users via the city centre unnecessary who want to access a destination on city's outskirts mainly for work. Because of Metro Link routing all rail lines, country buses and most city buses will all continue towards city centre. More people are working outside the city centre, and this is set to increase over time. This can add up two hours extra to their travel day for many users, one hour extra to get to outskirt destination after arriving in the city centre and an hour back. This makes the travel day far longer for many users, especially country users and even for local users. This problem addressed with Metro Dart over-ground as city rail users will have direct access to all areas on Dublin's outskirts and around Dublin including the city centre. Who would use a public transport system that made their travel day longer. Another major flaw in Metro Link is the use of a different rail gauge will be explained next week why it undermines rail transport.



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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

A selection of the photographs from the Camera Soiree's exhibition in the Parish Centre last November is on display in Lucan Library until 9th March 2026. If you are in the vicinity do drop in and take a look!

We have some more photos from Kerry submitted by Don this week including one of the Blennerville windmill built in 1800 by order of Sir Rowland Blennerhassett. At the end of the 19th century the mill began to decay but it has been fully restored and is now Ireland's only working windmill.



Irene has been travelling abroad and has sent us a photograph of a bronze statue of the English poet Philip Larkin which you can find outside the Hull Paragon Interchange located in the city centre of Kingston upon Hull in England. Larkin held the post of Librarian at the University of Hull for over 30 years.

Donal has been wandering around County Kilkenny in the aftermath of the flooding caused by storm Chandra and captured the river Barrow in full flow at Graignamanaha. More peaceful is his photo of the Upper Tinnahinch lock, part of the Barrow navigation which allows barges to bypass shallow areas of the river.



Finally, Donal submitted a photo St. James Church of Ireland and its round tower in Castledermot. The church was built around 1830. The tower is apparently unique in that it is on the north side of the church whereas they are usually found west of a church.

Stay safe until next week!

