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We Have What We Need Within!

The story about Justin Appelbee in Perth and his great endeavours which saved the lives of his family members at sea. He is a 13 year old boy and a minor! It was beautiful and inspiring to listen to his mother and to Justin and to see what one can do when under pressure to save loved ones, swimming and running distances normally beyond a young man's capacity.

Formal education is wonderful as it has the power to gently unravel what is within each one. It can do so gracefully, incrementally and in a manner that provides a safe and differentiated scaffolding throughout. We have education well-structured now from pre-school to third level and beyond with the miracle of the human mind recognised as having all, corporately, to continue to add to our world and resources.

Most who were born before the introduction of free secondary education in 1967 completed education in what was called 7th class and on completion of the Primary Certificate at the age of 13 or 14. They usually left school to take up work here and abroad or to work on family farms or businesses. These people built the foundation of life, home and country which we now enjoy. Many had skills that have since faded and were extremely resourceful. They had a can-do attitude which when connected with the same attitude of each within the local community were able to progress and develop structures as appropriate to the times.

If we can draw lessons from our fore-mothers and fathers alongside the great achievement of Justin Appelbee, it is that we can all do greater things that we could ever imagine when the chips are down. Our children and young people have much more within them inherently than standardised tests can determine and we can cope with lots more than many are permitted to do. One does not suddenly arrive at adulthood in one day – that journey unfolds from the moment of birth.

While formal education is wonderful, there can be a belief that all that children and young people need will be poured into them in the schooling years! Yes, a certain amount of resources are needed from which young people can draw, but it is also important to enable them to have a can-do attitude to face the challenges that present for them each day. They can each do much more for themselves and for others than most are credited. The everyday opportunities and challenges are the steps that are needed to climb, in order to be become the Justin Appelbee's of this world! Each of us is a Justin Appelbee that may yet be sleeping, stirring or wide awake!

In times when most of our news is hard stuff to take, it is wonderful to hear a story that puts a wide smile on one's face and offers true human inspiration. It's also inspiring to hear a story that makes us all realise that nothing short of our daily best is good enough if we are to make the most of the gift of our short lives!

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

What is the Emergency Response Payment?

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme is now called the Emergency Response Payment. If your home has been affected by a severe weather event such as flooding, the payment provides emergency financial help.

There are 3 parts to the Emergency Response Payment

Stage 1 (immediate need): Emergency payments to cover immediate and essential costs such as the purchase of food, clothing, bedding and essential personal items for immediate use. It does not cover the purchase of replacement food or other items. Stage 1 is not income tested.

The closing date for Stage 1 applications related to Storm Chandra was Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

Applications received after this date will be processed as means-tested Additional Needs Payment.

Stage 2 (Damage to essential items and contents): Replacing white goods (fridge, freezer), flooring, basic furniture and other essential household items where there is a valid reason why these were not covered by insurance and where the person can demonstrate that it is essential that the items are replaced and that they do not have the financial resources to cover these costs themselves.

Applications for Stage 2 close 3 months after the event.

Stage 3 (Longer-term financial support for structural damage to your home): including plastering, dry lining, relaying of floors, electrical re-wiring and painting. These costs are only covered if they are essential, result directly from damage caused by the emergency event and there are valid reasons as to why household insurance was not in place. All costs are subject to expert assessment by a loss adjuster. In cases of structural damage, the payment is designed to return a person's home to a liveable condition. Applications for Stage 3 close 6 months after the event.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 are income tested.

The Emergency Response Payment does not cover:

- Losses covered by an insurance policy, or which could reasonably be expected to have been covered by an insurance policy
- Loss of items considered not essential, or luxury items
- Commercial, agricultural and business losses
- Loss or damage to your private rented accommodation or local authority accommodation
- Any additional properties that are not occupied and lived in as the primary residence
- Repair or replacement of motor vehicles

There is more information on our website.

You can read more about the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme on gov.ie.

You can get more information about the Emergency Response Payment at your local Community Welfare Service, or call 0818 60 70 80, or from your local Intreo centre or branch office.

Emergency Humanitarian Flooding Scheme for business

The Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment, Peter Burke, has opened the Emergency Humanitarian Flooding Scheme for impacted small businesses and community, voluntary and sports organisations that have suffered flood-damage due to Storm Chandra. The Irish Red Cross administers the Emergency Humanitarian Flooding Scheme on behalf of the department to provide much-needed, urgent support to small businesses and community, voluntary and sports organisations who through no fault of their own have been unable to obtain flood insurance.

Further information and application forms for support are now available on the Irish Red Cross website at www.redcross.ie/stormchandra

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 11th February:
Social Morning in St. Mary's
Parish Centre - Valentine
Party, 10.30am to 12.30pm.



Country Sounds
presented by Padraig
McGarrigle will
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**Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community
Radio Station!**

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

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main
Street, Lucan, every Thursdays 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.



Esler Active Retirement Association

We had our Annual General Meeting on
Wednesday afternoon, approximately 70 members
attended. We had a very productive meeting,
members suggested other ideas to consider as a
group, such as park walks, theatre visits etc.
After financial and other reports, the existing
committee was re-elected.

Erin from SDCC also attended, and promised to
look into suggestions for various extra activities
for our meetings.

We then continued with our usual activities and
refreshments.

We meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrew's
Parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan.
New members are always welcome.

Things People Learn Too Late in Life!

The less you say, the more your words will
matter.

Don't take everything personally. Not
everyone thinks about you as much as you
do.

When you focus on problems, you'll have
more problems. When you focus on
possibilities, you'll have more opportunities.

No matter how much it hurts now, someday
you will look back and realize your struggle
changed your life for the better.

You meet people for a reason. Either you
need them to change your life, or you're
the one that will change theirs.

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.

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: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041).

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 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.

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 **Nichola (Nicki) Doran**, Esker Wood Close.
May she rest in peace.



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

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Spiritual Director: Fr. Ray Kelly

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 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

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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.

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.



Anniversaries

Joe Byrne

3rd Anniversary

In loving memory of Joe
You're far away from us like stars
But still, you're so close to our hearts
Today on your 3rd Anniversary
we remember you with love and honour
Sadly missed by Monica, Thomas, Jean and Cris.
**Anniversary Mass is at 12pm on the
8th February in St Patrick's Church, Esker.**



Rose Eiffe

40th Anniversary, 4th February

Late of Dodsboro Cottages
Tenderly we treasure the past
With memories that will always last.
*Fondly remembered by her grandchildren,
great grandchildren and great-great
grandchildren.*



Mark Flood

5th Anniversary, 6th February

Taken far too soon.
"You'll Never Walk Alone"
*Missed by his wife, sons, mother, sisters
and extended family.*



Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage



Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from **28th August to 4th September.**

Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years.

The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent.

There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available.

**For more information call Damien on
087 20 49 048**

AnamCara
Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara, the organisation 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.



Supporting Parents After Bereavement
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Join us online
**Thursday 22nd January
7pm - 8.30pm**

register at <https://bit.ly/3XbPyII>



GUEST SPEAKER: BRID CARROLL



Brid is a qualified Psychotherapist and Counselling Supervisor who has worked with a special interest in loss and bereavement issues for over thirty years. She holds a Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood Bereavement and a Higher Diploma in Bereavement Studies. She is a contributor to the Irish Hospice Foundation's workshop series and serves as the Chair of the Advisory Committee of the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network.

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FOUND

Pair of glasses left in the Coffee Dock in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Sunday 1st February.

Can be claimed from the Parish Office. Phone: 01 6217041.





Serious rain out there as we go to press!

Still we must count our blessings here in Lucan.

The weir in Lucan Demesne was a spectacular sight this week. Doubt anyone would go hopping along the top of it these days!



St. Mary's Camera Soiree have their exhibition in Lucan Library from Monday 9th February. Do drop in if you missed the event in the Parish Centre last November. You won't be disappointed!

Joy for some of the Dubs last weekend! The Hurlers had a win, but both the Ladies and Men's Footballers were on the losing side. We live in hope!

6 Nations underway for 2026 - Ireland take on France as we go to press. Looking forward to an exciting game.... Better baton down the hatches first, though!

Did you know?

The longest place name in Ireland is **Muckanagherdauhaulia**, in Connemara, County Galway. It means the 'soft land between two seas'.

Ireland is the only country in the world that has a musical instrument as its national symbol – the **Harp!**

Here's one for the weekend that's in it!

Limerick man, John MaCauley was part of the Irish Rugby side of 1887. He had been selected to play in a game against England, but discovered that he had used up all his annual leave from work.

He checked out his conditions of employment, and found that he could be granted additional leave for a honeymoon. He quickly proposed to his girlfriend, and arranged the wedding for the morning of the match, after which he and his new bride raced to Landsdowne Road in time for the match.



Irish Cancer Society

We are recruiting **Volunteer Drivers** in your area!

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community.

Why Volunteer?
Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed resulting in a hugely rewarding volunteer experience for you.

What is required?
If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Full training will be provided.



I absolutely love volunteer driving – meeting new people all the time, having a chat and helping ease their burden at the same time is a great feeling - *Pauline*

Does this sound like you?

For more information or to become a volunteer driver, scan the QR code or contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie



Palmerstown Camera Club

Palmerstown Camera Club had our monthly competition on Wednesday the 28th of January in the Palmerstown Parish Centre. The theme was (portraits).

The winner in novice was Mairead Harrington. Intermediate James Grandfield, Angela Dennis, Liam Ó Daliagh, Declan Graham, Catherine Fallon.

Advanced - Lorraine Morris, Orla Brady, Miriam Power, Lorraine Kelly and Gerry Phelan.



And the image of the month went to Gerry Phelan (above). Well done everyone.



Palmerstown Camera Club is always open to new members joining. We run every Wednesday night from 8 to 10pm in Palmerstown parish centre.

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

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

Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

TY Trip to the Ombudsman: Our TY politics class headed into the city centre on Tuesday to take a tour of the Ombudsman for Children. While there, they met Thomas, who spoke about the role of the Ombudsman for Children and why children's rights are so important. The students got to take part in a walking debate, group work, and generally had a chat about their rights. It was a great day and a fabulous opportunity to see how children's rights are being upheld in Ireland and also where there could be some area for improvement.



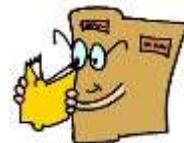
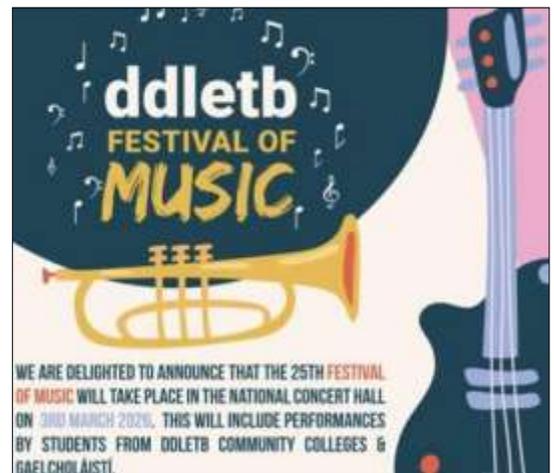
Senior Boys Soccer: Hard luck to LCC, who were playing against Castleknock Community College during the week. Kevin Madu scored three goals, with Jack Doran adding one, bringing the game to a draw. The team eventually lost on penalties. There were some fabulous shots taken by Oliver in third year. Well done to LCC, and best of luck in the next one.



DDLETB Festival of Music: We are delighted to share that our students will be performing at this year's DDLETB Festival of Music in the National Concert Hall, marking 25 years of celebrating young musical talent. Students from 31 DDLETB Community Colleges and Gaelcholáistí will come together on one stage, and our students and Mr Murphy will proudly represent our school as part of this significant anniversary concert.

This event highlights the commitment, rehearsal and musical growth of the students involved, and it is a fantastic opportunity for them to perform in a national venue alongside peers from across the DDLETB.

Tickets on sale now from the NCH website. We would love to see the school community there supporting our performers.



St. Joseph's College

Poetry Winner: Congratulations to Aribah Tariq Khan in 4A4 who recently won 1st place in a senior cycle poem competition for the youth magazine, Deccan Club Ireland. Her poem is titled "How Do I Define Success". This competition was open to students from across Ireland so this is a wonderful achievement for our student. Well done Aribah.



GAA Future Leaders: Last Friday our GAA Future Leaders committee and team hosted 'TY come dine with me'. Two base classes created a menu for athletic teenagers and had a cook off. They researched the importance of a balanced nutritious diet and linked in with Ms. Regan for guidance. They found this experience fun and interesting.

Well done to everyone involved. The Future Leaders team also found time last Friday to organise a wellbeing afternoon for the 3rd year students starting their exams on Wednesday. They got to have hot chocolate, plenty of chats and had fun playing board games.



Minor Camogie: Hard luck to our minor camogie team who were beaten in their first championship game last Thursday against Loreto Balbriggan. The conditions were cold, wet and windy but our girls put in a brilliant display but unfortunately just lost narrowly on the day.

St Brigid's Day Feast: Last weekend marked the feast of Saint Brigid. Students were busy making traditional crosses to celebrate the feast day of one of our national saints.

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Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Conversational Irish

in

St Mary's Parish Centre

10.30-11.30a.m.

every Wednesday.

All are welcome



Set Dance/Ceili Class

in

Palmerstown Parish Centre

every Monday night
at 8:30pm.

Admission is €5 with
tea & biscuits incl.



Coláiste Pádraigh

Hurling: Congratulations to our Senior Hurling team, who defeated St. Paul's College, Raheny 3-17 to 1-15 in the Dublin League "C" Final, that was played on St. Clare's 4G pitch in DCU last Friday. Right from the throw-in, Lucan were simply superb as they set the tone with pace, skill, and determination. Every player worked tirelessly, winning nearly every 50-50 challenge and supporting one another with a ferocity and work-ethic that surprised their opponents. Sharp passing, brave defending, and excellent teamwork kept the pressure on throughout, culminating in a memorable and deserved victory for the team. No-one epitomised the team's commitment and will-to-win more than Michael O' Brien in the full-forward line. Michael led by example from start to finish, inspiring those around him and playing a crucial role in securing another famous hurling title for the school. His movement off the ball created space for his team-mates, while he accurately in front of goal proved decisive as he scored a remarkable 3-7, a tally he also scored in the semi-final!

Killian Costello was also influential in midfield as he drove the team forward with relentless energy and passion. As captain, he led by example as he covered a huge amount of ground throughout the match, winning crucial possession, and linking defence to attack with intelligent passing. Darragh Garrigan (0-1), Conor McHugh (0-1) and Henry Greene (0-2) were among the other scorers, as Lucan proved to be more clinical on the day. The team will now represent Dublin in the Leinster Final, to be played after the mid-term break.



Lucan's goals in an impressive display up front. The defeat does not end the team's league campaign, as they will now compete with the other two regional runners-up, in Dublin South and Dublin North, for the one remaining place in the Dublin Metropolitan semi-finals. Hard luck to our u17 soccer team who were beaten 5-0 last week by a strong Moyle Park team in the Dublin West League semi-final. This defeat unfortunately means that they are now out of the competition (as only the regional finalists get a 2nd chance). The team will focus now on advancing further in the Leinster Junior Shield. The face CBC Monkstown soon for a place in the 1-4 finals.

Basketball: Our 1st and 2nd yr basketball teams played the 3rd of their 4 group games in the East Boys A League last Wednesday against Le Chéile, Tyrellstown.

As Lucan's opponents only brought 7 1st yrs, this meant that they forfeited the game before it started. The game went ahead anyway to give both teams more experience. Le Chéile were able to keep their strongest players on for all 4 1-4s, so this gave them a clear advantage, especially in the 2nd 1-4 when Lucan made the required changes to the line-up. This was the decisive 1-4 as it turned out, which Le Chéile won by 7 points, and this was enough of a margin for them to "win" the game 40-38. Nathan Adjinakou continued his phenomenal form with a brilliant 24 points, with Billy Gogarty (8), Harvey Muldowney (2), Alfie Donohue (2) and Jack Collins (2) getting the other scores.

Our 2nd yr team produced a fine team display to defeat Le Chéile 45-32 to secure their 2nd win from three group games. Nathan (18), Blake Carey (2), Max O' Neill (4), Sam O' Brien (5), Daniel Kavanagh (2), Eric Savin (6), Daniel McDevitt (4), Cillian O' Neill (2) and Matthew Mackey (2) got the team's scores.

Football: Hard luck to our 1st yr football team, who were beaten 12-6 to 6-4 by a very strong Maynooth PP team last week in the Dublin League semi-final. Eoghan Ware scored a fantastic 3-4, while Will Keane (1-0) and Pauric Redmond (2-0) got the team's other scores.

GAA: Congratulations to three of our students who were recognised for their outstanding achievements at the Lucan Sarsfields Annual Awards Ceremony at the weekend. Eoghan Burke won the Minor B Footballer of the year award. The Minor A Footballer of the Year award went to Phelim Dunne, while Karl Quinn won the Minor A Hurling Award.

Table Quiz

A reminder that our Parents Association Table Quiz Fundraiser takes 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. All funds raised on the evening will go directly towards the purchase of school laptops. All support greatly appreciated.



Soccer: Hard luck to our senior soccer team who were beaten 4-2 by Castleknock CC last Thursday in the Dublin West League Final, held at Peamount United FC. Sam Deegan scored both of

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. 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

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



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.

Thursdays 12th and 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



Additional Adult Events:

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](https://www.eventbrite.com) 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](https://www.eventbrite.com) 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

YOUNGER CHILDREN

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](https://www.eventbrite.com)



OLDER CHILDREN

Thursday 19th at 3.30pm:

Art and Creativity with Elena for kids 9-12. Book your place on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) 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.com) from Saturday 14th at 2.00pm



Exhibitions:

Poet's Perch Exhibition of Poetry - starting 26th January.

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



New National Park Plan for Demesne - *Liffey Champion* May 29, 1995



How Green is our Valley: John O'Mahony, Kew Park residents' Association president, Denis McCarthy, Ryevale Lawns residents Association and Joe Collins, Lucan village traders Association, at the site of the proposed park. *Photo by Kyran O'Brien.*

£750,000 Deal is Welcomed - *Report by Aideen Sutton*

The Office of Public Works is to buy a 155-acre demesne for a major national park on the west side of Dublin.

The demesne links Lucan and Leixlip – spanning both sides of the Liffey – and will be called the Liffey Valley Park.

An OPW spokesperson today confirmed that negotiations are almost concluded. The purchase price is understood to be more than £750,000.

The provision of the park is contained in the Programme for Government because of the area's amenity value to the whole country.

Once the land is acquired, a management plan will be drawn up as to how the park will be developed and run.

Dating back to the 1600, Lucan demesne includes the ruins of a castle built by the powerful Sarsfield family. The property passed on to the Vesey family who designed a residence in 1773 which is still in use today.

The present owner, Mr. Frank Senior Jnr, put the demesne up for sale towards the end of last year. He will retain 15 acres of the demesne, which includes the main residence, for his own use.

A proposal to re-zone the part of the demesne which lies in Leixlip for housing was turned down by Kildare County Council. A similar application on the Lucan side was also refused by South Dublin Council.

The announcement of the new park was welcomed today by locals.

Trinity College professor and local resident Valentine Rice said: "This is as significant to greater Dublin as the acquisition of the Phoenix Park was 300 years ago.

"I hope it will be the beginning of a series of acquisition over a period of years to bring the entire valley from the park in Straffan in Co. Kildare into public ownership."

The OPW has yet to draw up a management plan as to how Lucan demesne will be developed.

However, it is expected that as a national park it will be landscaped with pathways for walking, picnic and wooded areas and that the river will be used for angling and water sports.

"These lands will be a much-needed amenity for the people who live in Lucan," said Ms Lilian Harris.

Note: *The deal was completed in October 1996, when Michael D. Higgins, was then Minister for Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht.*



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,800. The Numbers were **1, 2, 31 & 32.**

Lucky dips go to Kieran Durkin, Ella Dawson, Liz Fitzsimons, Yvonne McCarney, Mary Roche. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €6,200. This draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.



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

Awards Night

We held our annual adult awards night in the clubhouse on Friday 30th January. It was a great night and a massive congrats to all our winners. A special mention to our Hall of Fame award winner Michael O'Grady and Club Person of the Year, Ronan Foley.

Please see our previous ClubZap post and Social Media accounts for a list of all winners.

Hurling Workshop

Last Wednesday we had a fantastic evening in Airlie Park where Fintan Clandillon, Johnny McCaffrey and Emer Keenan put on a brilliant coaching session.



It was an evening full of insights and great practical ideas. There were over 60 coaches in attendance, and the feedback was extremely positive.

Our next coaching workshop will take place this month where we will be diving into coaching the complex skills of football. Please keep an eye out for registration!!



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.

Team of the Month

Our 2025 Minor Hurling Team were named the 'Team of the Month' for December at the Echo Newspaper and Active South Dublin Amateur Sports Awards!! Well done to all involved!!

Dublin Appearances

Last weekend we had Reka Kiss Kallo captain our Dublin Minor Camogie team who unfortunately lost out to Kilkenny while it was a great honour for Cathal Kennedy to make his Dublin Senior debut for the hurlers who defeated Kildare in Parnell Park. Everyone in the club is extremely proud of your achievements.

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.

Political Notes

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Airport link to Lucan:

This week in the Dáil, I raised the lack of a direct public transport link between Lucan and Dublin Airport. In the absence of an immediate solution, I have asked the NTA to consider the inclusion of stops for Lucan residents on existing routes to the airport.

CPO process for DART+ South West:

The compulsory purchase order process has commenced to acquire the land necessary to deliver DART+ South West. This is an important signal in terms of government commitment to this project. I will continue to fight to ensure that this project is prioritised as a key piece of infrastructure for commuters in Adamstown, Lucan and Clondalkin.

Esker Cemetery:

I am pleased to see work underway to provide a water tap in Esker Cemetery which is something for which I have been advocating for some time.

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Paddocks / Shackleton Drive Taking in

Charge (TIC) comes before the County Council for approval this Monday, 9th February.

Hillcrest / Paddocks pedestrian walkway. My motion to accelerate public consultation was agreed but is dependent on TIC. If TIC is approved next Monday, the Council will be able to begin public consultation on an official pedestrian link between Paddocks and Hillcrest estates.

Shackleton TIC. Residents queried why only Shackleton Drive is progressing TIC. The rest of Shackleton is delayed due to privately installed EV chargers placed on public areas. The associated cabling has damaged sections of the public footpath, and these repairs must be completed before the remaining areas may be taken in charge. The Developer is currently addressing repairing public EV charging on Airlie Park and sourcing a new supplier, with the works expected to be resolved early in 2026.

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Lucan Abú – Community Sport Success:

Huge congrats to Esker Boxing Club and Lucan United Football Club were recognised at the Active South Dublin / Echo Amateur Sports Awards, with Esker named *Sports Development Club of the Year* and Lucan United awarded *Club of the Year*. These achievements reflect the dedication of players, volunteers, and families, and the strong community spirit across Lucan.

St Brigid's Day – Community and Tradition:

I was delighted to celebrate Lá Fhéile Bríde in Kenny's of Lucan, joining Cllr Caroline Brady and Cllr Liona O'Toole and many others for a wonderful community event. The day included St Brigid's cross-making, discussion, entertainment, and the contribution of women in our community. A sincere thanks to the organisers Linda Balfe (Aspen Counselling Lucan) and Natalie Ryan (Poets' Perch) and to everyone involved, for making the event such a success.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil Report:

This week my contributions included debates on the new tenancy rules coming in, the lack of infrastructure and facilities in our area, road safety and EU accession countries, to name but a few.

Potholes and Drains:

These issues have been brought to my attention at a number of locations and I have had to follow up more than once in relation to some. In terms of potholes, we have ongoing problems in Griffeen Avenue and outside the old Polly Hops and there were drainage/sewage issues raised with SDCC/developer and Uisce Eireann at Aderrig and The Cloisters respectively.

Bus Shelter beside St Andrew's NS:

Both Helen and I have been chasing up the broken real-time information display. It's shocking that this issue is still outstanding several months later.

Political Notes continued over.....

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Lucan Rezoning?

On instruction of the Government, all County Councils have been required to identify additional land for potential residential rezoning. This land has now been identified by the Chief Executive of SDCC, and the proposed areas will be open for public consultation by circa mid-February 2026. It is important for everyone to engage with this consultation process, read what is proposed by SDCC once it is live on the SDCC Consultation Portal, and respond by sending in submissions on the proposals. Paul and I will work to notify all our constituents, including via Facebook, our websites, and here in the Newsletter. Councillors will get to vote on proposals May 2026. 6 of 15 proposals for immediate rezoning consideration were in Lucan. We are already experiencing serious infrastructural and service deficits. More to follow...

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent – PC.

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I was delighted to be involved in Lucan's first St Brigid's Day community celebration held in Kenny's. What began as a shared idea between myself and Natalie from Poets Perch came together beautifully thanks to the determination and generosity of so many women. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and helped make the day so special. I look forward to planning next year's event.

I have attended a number of briefings on the proposed additional residential zoning and have clearly relayed the feedback received from residents to date. The scale proposed for Lucan effectively amounts to a third SDZ. The plans will go on public display mid-February for four weeks. I encourage all to make an observation. A public workshop will be held in Lucan on 4 March. I will share updates locally as received during the process.

Metro Dart

The cost of Metro Link underground should be known later this year as tenders are being sought. The real cost of this project could be as high as ten billion euro covering such a small area.



Metro Dart overground at a cost of one billion euro covers ten times a wider area, in fact it will service all areas of Ireland with rail and Dublin city centre by using standard rail gauge that allows all areas with rail to link up. If overground rail is used it provides Dublin with five extra rail lines, three fully usable immediately at no extra cost and two idle that can come into use. With Metro Link underground these extra five lines cannot be used because it uses different rail gauge.

Is Metro Link as good as they say?

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Excuses

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The Brain

The worst thing to be without ... Hope

The most powerful relationship tool ... The Tongue

The two most power-filled words ... "I Can"

The most powerful communication ... Prayer

The greatest asset ... Faith

The most worthless emotion ... Self-pity

The most prized possession ... Self-esteem

The most contagious spirit

... Enthusiasm

The most beautiful attire ...

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree this weekend have mounted the selection of photographs that will form their exhibition in Lucan Library from 9th February to 9th March 2026.

There was another full moon on Sunday 1st February and Joe, Kay and Frances submitted photos of the moon over Lucan. This was the second full moon of 13 that will occur this year and it is known as the Snow Moon. As I said previously many of the Moon's nicknames have come to us from Native American culture reflecting the importance of the cycles of the lunar phases for their way of life. The next full moon will be on 3rd March.

Don sent in two more photos from Kerry, Little Samphire lighthouse which has served as a navigation light for Tralee Bay since 1854 and a waterfall in the Conor Pass which is one of the highest mountain passes in Ireland served by an asphalted road.



Anna sent in a photo of Ely's Arch which today is located between Dodder Park Road and Braemor Road. Ely Arch was originally built between 1769 and 1779 in the form of a Roman triumphal arch as an entrance to Rathfarnham Castle. Anna recalls herself and her friends, roller skating around the Arch when she was young and when there was no traffic. She says that they called it the Arc de Triumph and thought that they were very sophisticated. Those were the days!



Stay safe until next week!