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Lucan - Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025



My first visit to Lourdes was in 1979 while I was a student for the priesthood in Clonliffe College. Until that visit, I like many others, had only know of the Lourdes story through the old black and white film “The Song of Bernadette”. The real-life experience of the place was a complete eye opener. From that time on, Lourdes was for me no longer a black and white representation of something that had happened in the mid-19th century, but rather a living ‘full colour’ vibrant place where faith is expressed in a most profound outpouring of devotion, and a real experience of a universal church.

What deeply impressed me then, as it still does on every visit, is the centrality given to the sick. This is evident not just at the shrine itself, but throughout the whole of that lovely town at the foot of the Pyrenees. I have made many trips to Lourdes since, and each time the powerful witness of the faith that finds expression there, continues to move me.

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This year we will have a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Lucan from **May 11th – 15th**. We will fly with Aer Lingus to Toulouse, and travel on to Lourdes by coach. We will stay at the 4 * Hotel Panorama, which is very close to the Grotto. Each day we will have Mass at a different location around Lourdes and will of course visit the ‘baths’ where pilgrims can fulfil Our Lady’s call to ‘wash in the waters’ of the miraculous spring. It promises to be a lovely few days.

We will fly back from Bilbao in Spain, and on route visit the beautiful town of San Sebastian.

Places are limited so if you are wishing to travel you should call the travel agents, Myriam Tours, on **057 93 55050** to reserve a place. The cost is €795 per person sharing, on a full-board basis ie Room, breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal.

This is the same company that we travelled with to Italy last year, and we will again have Kieran as our guide. He was excellent on our Italian trip, and we look forward to travelling with him again.

Philip Curran
St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s Parishes



Age Action
Getting Started
Digital Skills

(One to One)

Classes for older people. Support using your phone, laptop, tablet.

Every Tuesday 10:30am – 12:30pm, Leixlip Library.

To sign up for the free classes please call T:01 4756989 or email: gettingstarted@ageaction.ie

Do You Believe This?

Celebrating Christian Unity (18-25 January 2025)

The question at the core of the celebration of Christian Unity this year is that posed by Jesus to Martha in the Gospel when she was preoccupied with busyness rather than listening and reflecting is *Do you believe this?* This question urges us to consider what and if we believe in Jesus Christ; on how we can be together as a Christian community and what it means to live the Gospel message faithfully and together.

We are very fortunate that the Christian Church communities in Lucan are well connected and share prayer life together through the annual prayer service, prayer gatherings as the sun rises on Easter Sunday, sharing the Advent journey together and being present for one another for our various key celebrations. Those in leadership, in the four communities currently concerned, gather monthly to chat and break bread together in a simple & familial manner. There is a very strong commonality in the experiences of all concerned in the Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist communities, all of whom have a well-established history in Lucan.

The question and consequent answer: *Do you believe this?* – is core to the shared unity with the answer very simply being – the good news of the message of Jesus Christ! Our belief in Jesus Christ and the trinitarian God binds the worshipping communities in Lucan and guides our shared vision and action. Urged by the Gospel, we are each concerned about gathering and nurturing our communities, adding to inspiration and action which counters damage to our common home of the earth and caring for our most vulnerable people. The love which is God, is the light to shine our path towards greater unity and better service to all.

We enter this week with gratitude for the wonderful variety of vision and service found and shared in and from each of our Christian congregations. Let us celebrate our unity at the ecumenical prayer service which will take place in St Mary’s Catholic Church on Monday 20 January at 8.00p.m. Dr Jesse Rogers will be the keynote speaker. Refreshments may be enjoyed by all afterwards in the Parish Centre.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Lions Club

Wishing Mary/Rose and all their colleagues at Lucan Newsletter a happy and prosperous 2025. Your help and support in publicising Lucan Lions Club events and activities is invaluable and is a vital part of our communications with our volunteers and supporters.



Firstly, we want to thank all our Lions Club members, volunteers and supporters for their contributions to our Christmas activities in SuperValu Lucan. We want, in particular to thank SuperValu Manager Ger Joyce and his dedicated staff for facilitating our Christmas Draw. The draw, which was sponsored by SuperValu was a great success, and the following were the winners:

1st Prize - Kay Carroll
2nd Prize- Regina Killalea
3rd Prize - Jenny Mooney
4th Prize - Karen Kent
5th Prize - Kali Kerslake
6th Prize - Paul (no surname provided)

Thanks so much to all the SuperValu customers who contributed to our Annual Christmas Food Appeal which was held in the SuperValu store during December.

We would also like to thank Frank Colgan and his staff for allowing us to have an interval raffle at the 4 Christmas Shows in the Spa Hotel on 6/7 and 13/14 December. We thank the Spa Hotel audience for their welcome for the Lions Club each night.

Just to confirm that the proceeds from all of these Christmas activities were distributed to local needy charitable causes over the Christmas period and so helped those less well off in our community.

We continue our efforts to attract new members so if you wish to join or assist Lucan Lions Club, please contact the undersigned or visit our website lucanlionsclub.ie

Many thanks to the Lucan and district community for your ongoing support.

Mattie McCabe PRO
087 9006999

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 22nd January – Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30.
All welcome!



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

The AGM will take place on **Thursday 23rd of January**.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends. There is a charge of €4 each week to cover costs, but there is no charge for your first meeting. Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, scrabble, cards, drama and choir. Coffee break at 1pm. Organised trips in Ireland and abroad.

Esker Active Retirement Association

We had a good attendance for the reopening of our club following Christmas recess. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to 5 new members who came along today, we hope you enjoy many more afternoons at our club.

We meet every Wednesday at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan at 1.30 pm. Main activities include bowls, scrabble and cards. We also organise other activities such as line dancing, chaerobics, chair yoga, guest speakers. So do come along and join the fun, even to just have a chat and a cuppa. Getting out and meeting people is so important particularly as we get older.

Lucan Goal Mile 2024

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Goal Mile. A total of €9000 was raised through online subscriptions and on the day donations. Thank you to the many members of Lucan Harriers AC who gave their time to assist with the various roles required.

Most specially thanks to all you who supported in any way, especially the many who 'ran, jogged or walked' on Christmas morning!

Lucan ICA

Monday 20th January 2025: Our Craft Group are back working on their various projects, all are glad to meet up after the Christmas break and the frosty and snowy weather.

The Hostesses are: Nuala Corbet and Mary Skelly.

Happy New Year everybody!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

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

Weekday Masses:

Saturday 10am



Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



St. Mary's Readers' Roster February 2025

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of February 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: On Saturdays from the conclusion of the 10am Mass to 11.30am – funerals permitting.

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

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)

Confessions – Nuns' Chapel: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday morning in St Mary's Parish Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This devotion, revealed to St Faustina by Our Lord is a prayer of atonement for our own sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray especially for evil to be defeated and for peace in the world.

Baptisms: 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 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates are bookable on line.

Email: secretary@lucanparish.com

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Morrison**, Beech Park.
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025		
April		Prices include €50 early booking discount
Departing 28 th April 9 Nights Normal Price: €845pps. Pat's Price: €770pps.		Booking Deposit €200 to be paid by 31 January 2025
Departing 30 th April 7 Nights Normal Price: €795pps. Pat's Price: €720pps.		Single Room Supplement 9 Nights €220 7 Nights €150 Insurance €35 Extra pp
October details later		Terms and conditions apply
Spiritual Director: Fr Ray Kelly		
Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages		
Professional guides Fully Bonded Fully licenced		
To Book, Please Contact: Pat on 087 2238911 or Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159 And say you are travelling with Pat's Group		

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 at 10am.

All Masses livestreamed at stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration:

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

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:

Every Wednesday 10:30am in the Parish Centre. *All are welcome*

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12.00 noon.

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

All Masses will be livestreamed on

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. *All welcome*

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.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

St Joseph's Young Priests Society:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan **for all the Lucan parishes**. We meet up on the first Wednesday of each month for one hour at 10.40am.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

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



We thank the Food Bank volunteers for the tremendous work they carried out throughout 2024.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning:

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



Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

Acknowledgement

Mary Burke

I offer the most heartfelt thanks to all who supported me on the recent death of my mother, **Mary**. Your words of kindness, empathy, reassurances, prayers, Mass cards, attendance at funeral, messages... have all been a wonderful consolation.

Your intentions will be remembered daily at Mass in Knock through enrolment at the shrine and, also, in my own prayers.

Cathy Burke



Anniversaries

Nancy Birnie (nee McGrath)

14th Anniversary, 16th January

Today, like many other days
Brings special thoughts of you
Of happy times we shared
And caring things you used to do.
For you were someone special
Who was thought so highly of,
Who'll always be remembered
With affection, warmth and love.

*With love from Billy, Mark, Diane,
Aisling, Declan, grandchildren, family
and friends.*



Kathleen Collins

11th Anniversary, 21st January

Late of Sarsfield Park
Also remembering her brother **Noel Graham**
whose 8th Anniversary occurs at this time
Silently the leaves of memories fall
Gently we gather and remember them all
*Loved and remembered by her daughters
Carol Anne and Elizabeth, grandchildren
and great grandchildren.*



John Fitzgerald

4th Anniversary

"We who love you, sadly miss you
As it dawns another year
In our lonely hours of thinking
thoughts of you are ever near."

*Loved and sadly missed by Ann, Caitriona,
Niamh, Seán and all the family*

Catherine Regan

2nd Anniversary, 21st January

R.I.P

Late of Chalet Gardens

Silent thoughts of times together

Hold memories that last forever

Remembering with much love

Today and every day

*By her husband Martin, children Gerard, Teresa,
Paul and Neil, grandchildren Hannah, Emily,
Jack, Conor, Cian, Owen, Kirsten, Keeva, James
and Daragh.*

Ray Rothery

8th Anniversary, 16th January

Late of Hillcrest, Lucan

Your life was a blessing,

Your memory a treasure,

You are loved beyond words

And missed beyond measure.

*Loved and missed always by Val, Keith, Ian, Gary
and all family and friends.*

Helen Gilbert

10th Anniversary

In memory of **Helen**

"That fateful night,

I lay me down to sleep

Peacefully I slept.

Angels came and carried my soul to Jesus

My soul he kept.

My earthly life was like a hazy dream
of which I could make no sense

I have stood at the right hand of Jesus

I am wise and happy and so content

No earthly thing shall ever harm me again

I love you Jesus."

Remembered always by her family and friends.

Helen remains forever in our hearts.

Michael McGrath

11th Anniversary

Late Ballydowd Grove

In loving memory of a wonderful husband,
Dad and Grandad.

Always loved, never forgotten.

By your loving family xxx

**Michael's Anniversary Mass will be held in
St Mary's on Sunday 19th January at 12noon.**





What a better week we are having now! Great to see the milder and brighter days, and the daffs and snowdrops peeping out. Spring is coming!



Work continues all around Lucan – one reader sent in the above photo, and wondered if anyone noticed “the re-routing of the Liffey in the plans for the new Village Grey (sorry, Village Green made of concrete)!!!!!!”



A fine stone wall! Skills of old are evident in the repaired stone wall at Lucan Demesne – Fair play to the workers out in the cold weather of last week. Work is ongoing on the footpath, which should be back in use very soon.

Planning Application – Looks like we’re getting very fancy facilities along the Liffey
PT8SD188 08 Jan 2025
Application Under Part 8

Applicant: South Dublin County Council

Location: Lucan Demesne, In the townland of Lucan, Dublin

Description: Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given that South Dublin County Council proposes to carry out the following works at Lucan Demesne, in the townland of Lucan:

The proposals are for the upgrade works for the entrance and route into Lucan Demesne:

The construction of a timber boardwalk from the plaza to the existing river side path of approximately 120m in length and 2.5m in width which is elevated approximately 0.15m above ground, depending on topography. All ancillary works.

Wall Gone! And just as we came to press, we noticed the wall at the Village Green, opposite Courtneys, is no more! Aaaaah!

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085

867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what’s going on in the centre!



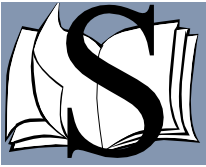
A Message from the Centre: We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and new year. The centre is back in full swing with lots of classes for anyone wanting to take on something new to for fill their new year goals.

Baby & Toddler: Our Baby & Toddler Group is back on Mondays from 11-12.30 this is suitable for ages 0-3 and gives parents or caregiver a chance for a chat and well deserved cup of tea.

Active over 55's: We have started a 4-week Qigong class this is open to anyone over the age of 55. It’s on Thursday’s workshop 1-2 then stay for tea and chats until 3. This is pay as you go €5 per class.

New Year, New Term: There are lots of other classes to get involved in. Some of the classes are Yoga, Pilates, Irish Dancing and Art for both children and adults. If you are interested in any classes feel free to get in touch.

Room Booking: Would you like to book a room in the centre for a meeting or a group activity? We have some availability and offer competitive rates. Email us to make a booking.



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Under 19 Boys soccer Dublin West Semi Final

Lucan CC 4-0 Holy Family Rathcoole
Lucan CC booked their place in the Dublin West Final with an emphatic 4-0 win against near neighbours Holy Family.
Lucan were 2-0 up at half time thanks to two brilliant Luca Fiore finishes. Darren Smyth added two more excellent goals in the second half to wrap up the win.



Adult Education Service

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

The following subjects are available this term:

- Spanish for Beginners
- Introduction to Computers Internet and Email,
- Introduction to Office Skills,
- Personal Effectiveness,
- IT Skills, Work Experience, Customer Service,
- Medical Terminology for Medical Secretary,
- Introduction to Psychology,
- Bookkeeping Using Sage Software.

For more details, contact lorraiekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie or call (01) 6283557.



HEALTH FAIR

Friday January 24, 2025
at
ADAMSTOWN
YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

More Information:
marsha.williams@hse.ie
087 662 7996

Talk To Services Attending:

- Suicide Prevention
- Child Health
- Jigsaw
- Healthy Ireland
- Pieta
- My Mind
- Suicide Or Survive
- Bereavement



Contacts:
Community / Schools/ Local History
marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
roselucannewsletter@gmail.com

Parish Notes / Anniversaries
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

Reports and Ads. etc may also be left at the usual addresses:
St. Mary's Parish Centre
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



St. Joseph's College

BT Young Scientist: The whole school community is very proud of the three students who represented us this year the BT Young Scientist. Malak Ahmed, Sara Resetnic and Alheen Budureea entered their project entitled 'Banning mobile phones in schools, is it a good idea?'. The students put in a huge amount of work into their project and presented it extremely well to all the judges. This project is extremely topical and obviously caught the eyes of the Education Minister Norma Foley who stopped to discuss the outcomes and conclusions the girls made from their research.



Junior Camogie: A massive well done to our junior camogie team who won their semi final on Monday against Holy Faith, Clontarf. The team played brilliantly in the semi final and now progress to the final versus Maynooth. Best of luck to the whole team in the final.

Biological science: Many thanks to past pupil, Guste Venslovaite, final year student of Biological Science in Trinity who spoke to the 6th Year students today about following a career in Science.



Transition year ice skating: On Tuesday the transition years all went to Dundrum for a day of ice skating. This was a great day out organised by the PE department and a great way for the students to relax together as a year group after putting on such a wonderful school musical before the Christmas break.

St. Vincent De Paul fundraising

Calendars/Planners: We have a small number of 2025 Calendars/Planners available at the reduced price of €5.00 per calendar. All funds raised will go to St. Vincent De Paul. If you would like a lovely calendar of Lucan for 2025, please call to the front office in the school. Many thanks for your support!

Parents Association Quiz Night: Quiz Night 28th February at 8pm in Kenny's pub, Lucan village. €10 per person with lots of great raffle prizes. Please come and support The Parents Association in their fundraiser for New Team Jerseys for all the school.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

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

A free 4 week group

LUCAN LIFESTYLE

Lucan Library
Tuesdays in February (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)
12:00-13:30

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

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

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

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Science: Congratulations to our 17 participants at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2025 that was held at the RDS last week. Although our students missed out on the main awards, they all conducted themselves superbly throughout the four days and they proved to be fantastic ambassadors for the school. They engaged with the judges and the public to explain their projects, and faced the media with confidence, charm and good humour.

Some of them even had distinguished visitors to their stands, among them, Taoiseach Simon Harris and the Minister for Education, Norma Foley. 2nd yr students Shafin Chowdhury, Ayman Ahmed, and Kai Mohd Adrian did manage to win a "Highly Commended Award" for their impressive project entitled "*Applying Markov Chains to Model Stochastic Processes in Queueing Theory*".



A special word of thanks to Mr. Carey and Ms. Farrell who dedicated a lot of time helping the students prepare, design and set up their projects. They were a constant source of support before and throughout the entire process and they were at the Exhibition every day, making sure that the students had every assistance that they needed.

Awards: Well done to 3rd yr **Joseph Cosgrove**, who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for December in recognition of his excellent behaviour, impeccable manners and impressive work-ethic.

Congratulations to TY student **Derry Ware**, who won the *Sports Star of the Month* Award in recognition of his exceptional displays for the school's u16 and u19 football and hurling teams. Comhghairdeas freisin le **Jack Reihill**, ón rang 4 Edmund san idirbliain, a bhuaigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí na Nollag mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge go dtí seo.

Well done also to the class tutor student of the month winners, who will each receive a 5euro voucher for the school canteen.

Hurling: Our senior hurling team were defeated 4-12 to 1-15 by St. Declan's CBS, Cabra in the Dublin Colleges League 1-4 final last Tuesday. A 2nd half penalty save, by the Declan's goalkeeper, proved to be the turning point of the game as Lucan's opponents scored a vital goal just 30 seconds later. Páidí Murphy (1-03), Conor Dillon (0-9), Killian Costello (0-2) and Reece Kelly (0-1) got the team's scores.

Basketball: Congratulations to TY student Lewis Adjinakou, who was recently selected for the Ireland u16 basketball squad that are preparing for the European Championships (now known as the FIBA Youth EuroBasket competition), that will take place in the summer. Lewis made it through a series of intense and competitive trials to earn a place in the panel of 19 players. They will now train regularly until late March, at which stage a final panel of 12 players will be selected for the summer tournament.

Soccer: Our **senior** soccer team were defeated 6-2 by Castleknock Community College in their Regional 1-4 final on Monday. Will Smith and Eoin Maher scored the Lucan goals but Castleknock proved to be more clinical on the day.

Our **TY** team were beaten 2-1 by Creagh College, Gorey in the 3rd round of the TY Leinster Cup on Tuesday. Brian Whelan gave Lucan the lead just before half-time with an audacious lob from 25 yds but Gorey hit back with two 2nd half goals to claim the win.

Enrolment assessments: The incoming First Years' Entrance Assessment will take place on Saturday 25th January 2025. On the day, students will sit a computerised CAT4 test which assesses how well a student can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. The advantage of this form of assessment is that it produces an individual report for Parents/Guardians, giving a summary of their son's strengths and weaknesses and how he learns best.

Study Skills: Our 3rd attended a study skills seminar in the school library on Tuesday. The hands-on workshop, run by *On Your Marks*, focused on skills such as memory techniques, revision strategies, note taking, time management tools, goal setting and planning as well as the use of visual aids and graphic organisers in their learning and the impact of mobile technology and social media.

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

Property Tax

An annual Local Property Tax (LPT) is charged on residential properties in Ireland. You are liable for LPT in 2025 if you own a residential property on 1 November 2024.

If you paid LPT for 2024

If you paid LPT for 2024 with a repeating payment method, such as a direct debit, the payment will continue in 2025 unless you choose a different way to pay. Repeating methods include LPT deductions from your salary, pension or social protection payment. If you have changed bank, you may need to update your direct debit.

If you paid LPT for 2024 with a type of payment that does not automatically repeat, you need to choose how you want to pay LPT for 2025. You can do this in your Revenue property record.

You should have confirmed your payment method with Revenue by:

2 December 2024, if you choose to spread the payments over the year.

10 January 2025, if you choose to pay in a single payment

If you did not pay 2024 LPT

If your property was not liable for LPT on 1 November 2023 but is liable on 1 November 2024, you should have submitted an LPT return by 2 December 2024. Even if you own a property

that is exempt, you must still make a Local Property Tax return to claim an exemption.

If you were liable for 2024 LPT but did not submit an LPT return you should do so now.

You may be able to defer payment of the LPT in certain circumstances.

Contact our office for more information.

What is the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme?

The Humanitarian Assistance Scheme is an income-tested scheme that provides emergency financial assistance to households affected by a severe weather event such as flooding. It is administered by the Community Welfare Service.

Email ClondalkinLucanCWS@welfare.ie

Phone 0818 607080

The scheme provides financial support to people who have suffered damage to their home. It is designed to help you meet the cost of essential needs and repairs rather than provide full compensation for losses or damage.

What does the Humanitarian Assistance Scheme cover?

The scheme covers:

Emergency income support payments
Damage to your home and its essential contents, such as carpets, flooring, furniture, household appliances and bedding

Structural damage

The scheme is usually only available to help people who have been impacted by a severe weather event, but the Department of Social Protection can extend it to cover other exceptional circumstances at their discretion.

What does the scheme not cover?

The scheme does not cover:

Losses covered by an insurance policy
Loss of items deemed to be not essential or luxury items

Commercial and business losses

Loss or damage to private rented accommodation or local authority accommodation

How do I qualify for help under the scheme?

Your household's income is assessed to determine your household's ability to meet the costs of restoring your home to a habitable condition.

All household income will be considered in the income test. You do not have to be getting a social welfare payment to qualify. More information is on our website.

Lucan Library – January Events



Lucan Library

KICK START YOUR FINANCES!

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY, 11AM

NO JARGON - JUST PRACTICAL MONEY TIPS WITH AOIFE GAFFNEY, MONEY COACH

SPEND SMARTER WITH LESS EFFORT

SAVE MORE - AND STILL HAVE FUN!

START THE YEAR ON TRACK TOWARDS YOUR MONEY GOALS

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STEAM Workshop with Helen

Saturday 25th January, 2pm
Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 18th January at 2pm

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!
Arts and Crafts for 3-5 years with Méabh:
Tuesday 21st January, 3.30pm. Booking Essential
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1114470895449>



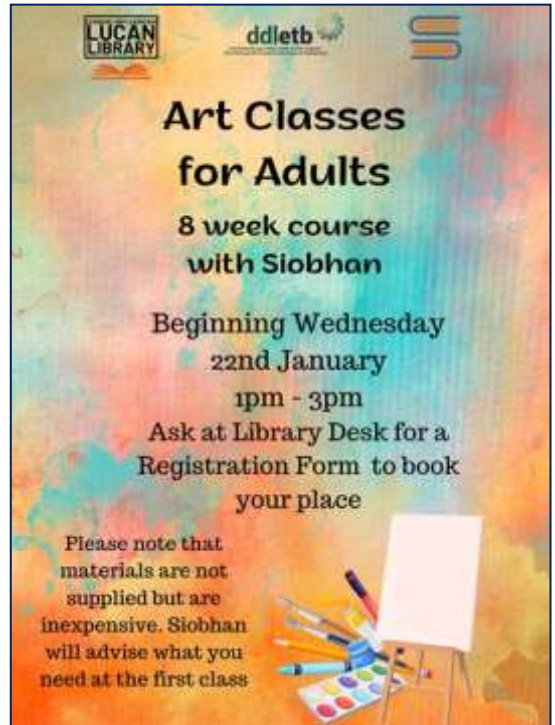
Parent and Baby Reflexology with Anne O'Connor: Wednesday 22nd January at 10am. Booking essential
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/parent-and-baby-reflexology-tickets-1119037424059>

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 29th January, 7pm
Junior Book Club: Wednesday 29th January 3pm

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Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome



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Art Classes for Adults

8 week course with Siobhan

Beginning Wednesday 22nd January 1pm - 3pm

Ask at Library Desk for a Registration Form to book your place

Please note that materials are not supplied but are inexpensive. Siobhan will advise what you need at the first class.

Illustration: Art supplies on a table.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group

Thursday 23rd January, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 21st January, 5.30pm.
Register at Library Desk.



Exhibitions: St Mary's Camera Soiree Photographic Exhibition



Illustration: A cup of coffee on books and a potted plant.

Beat The January Blues

winter mental health with Gillian Fagan

Thursday 23 January 7:00pm

Tips on simple and effective self care from naturally boosting your brain for happiness to talking about the tools to develop your own self care toolbox.

Logos: Lucan Library

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU

Happy New Year to all who have supported the work of SVP, St. Mary's Conference throughout the past year. Donations were made at the monthly church door collections, via the parish website, to the sacristy or parish office, and to individual committee members. Many thanks to all donors.

The annual Christmas appeal at Masses in early December amounted to an amazing **€13,585**. Thanks to the parish "count" team for their help. Many other donations were made separately adding greatly to this amount.

Thanks to several of our local schools— principals, staff, parents and students, who ran fundraisers for us: a Sale of work at Scoil Mhuire GNS, a carol service at Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig and also at St. Andrew's NS, calendar sales at St. Joseph's College and a Christmas jumper day at St. Mary's BNS.

Thanks to Leixlip Union of Parishes for their contribution.

Sincere thanks to the Newsletter staff for their continuous coverage.

Thanks to Fr. Philip, Fr. Obaldo, sacristans Mary and Marie, and parish secretary Deirdre for their encouragement and extra help in taking in donations.

Thanks to our loyal monthly collectors.

Go raibh míle maith gaibh go léir.

May God bless you and your families throughout 2025.

SVP St. Mary's Conference, Lucan



Irish Conversation



If you would like to practice or improve your Irish Conversation, we are a group of like-minded people that meet on **Wednesday mornings**

in **St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30am – 11.30am.**

Why not join us for a cupán tae and cúpla focail.

Bí gí linn chun gaeilge a labhairt!

There is no charge, just donation towards Tea / Coffee.

Escorted Tour to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo

Parishes within Archdiocese of Dublin

TRAIN TRANSPORT TO WESTPORT

Monday 10th February 2025

Early Afternoon Train Transport to Westport.
Check In to 4* Castlecourt Hotel.
Dinner followed by entertainment.

Tuesday 11th February 2025

Mass in Galway Cathedral. Free time in Galway City.
Onwards to Cong for Quiet Man Tour.
Tour of Ballintubber Abbey.
Return to Hotel for Dinner and entertainment..

Wednesday 12th February 2025

Day in Knock. Tour of Museum and Grounds. Mass. Lunch.
Private Time. Return to Hotel.
Dinner followed by entertainment.

Thursday 13th February 2025

Morning Mass in Westport.
Visit Glenkeen Farm and take part in some shepherding.
Lunch. Visit the holy mountain Croagh Patrick.
Self-guided tour of Kylemore Abbey.
Dinner and entertainment.

Friday 14th February 2025

Morning Mass in Fr. Peyton Centre.
Tour and light lunch.
Return train home.

Package includes:

Return Train Journey
4 night's Dinner Bed & Breakfast basis in 4*
Castlecourt Hotel, Westport. Lunch on 3 Days.
All entertainment, excursions and guided tours.

Single room supplement on Enquiry

Contact: **Patricia**

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Elm Estate & Griffeen Road Safety:

Following the construction of raised priority cycle table at entrances to estates, including Elm last year, several residents had expressed concerns about poor sightlines on exiting onto the main Griffeen Road. I raised this with the Council last September and following the council's own safety audit, however they have unfortunately stated in response that they have no intention to make any changes at this juncture.

St Finian's & Esker Drive:

Council work crews recently carried tree pruning works on Esker Drive and facing into St Finian's Green. This work is part of the wider tree maintenance works programme and are welcome. Sinn Féin spoke with residents on two occasions during a full canvass of all doors here in 2024.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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€20 million Active Travel funding:

South Dublin County Council has been allocated €20 million under the NTA's Active Travel Investment Programme 2025. A key project is the Grand Canal to Lucan Urban Greenway Phase 1a, which will connect Grange Castle to Lucan with a safe and scenic pedestrian and cycle route, making it easier for everyone to travel safely and sustainably in our community.

Congratulations to Amelia Lupascu at the Young Scientist Exhibition:

A huge congratulations to Amelia Lupascu from Adamstown Community College for securing 3rd place in the Senior Individual Biological and Ecological category at the BT Young Scientist Exhibition last week.

Tradfest 2025:

Tradfest 2025 is bringing the best of Irish traditional music to South Dublin from January 22nd to 26th. Visit tradfest.com for a full program of events happening across South Dublin.

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

085 2551602.

CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Griffeen Glen Dene:

I raised residents' concerns about damaged trees, and depot staff completed pruning works. Tree planting in the open space is scheduled for this planting season.

Footbridge Replacement Griffeen Valley Park:

The council will begin replacing the pedestrian footbridge at Lucan Newlands Road entrance to Griffeen Valley Park on 16 January 2025. The current bridge, now at end of life, will be unavailable for about two weeks. Alternative access is available via Esker Lane beside Griffeen Valley Nursing Home.

Community Grants:

Community Infrastructure Grants - Esker Celtic Football Club, allocated €7,250 for clubhouse bathroom upgrades, and 23rd Dublin Lucan Scout Group, allocated €14,000 for heating boiler replacement. The final call for Community Recognition Fund applications (projects €50,000–€500,000) closes on 23 February 2025. Email CRF@sdublincoco.ie for info. Don't miss this funding opportunity for your community project!

Cllr. Joanna Tuffey, Labour Party Representative.

Phone 087 392 0931 Email jtuffey@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffey

Best wishes to all residents for the New Year:

We had our first Council meeting of the year on the 13 January 2025 in County Hall in Tallaght and there was good news for some Lucan based groups and clubs with €14,000 approved for the 23rd Dublin Lucan Scouts Group for heating upgrades for its den and €7500 for Esker Celtic Club for bathroom upgrades for its club house. Community grants like these are provided for in the Council's Annual Budget under a Community Grants scheme. The 2025 Community Grants Scheme is due to launch in February and this will be promoted on the Council's website and social media. Feel free to contact me about this or any other issue.

Take care to get what you like, or you will be forced to like what you get.

George Bernard Shaw.

The Poor of the Parish

Back in the 19th century, we had no such thing in Lucan as Community or Planning Councils. Such matters were probably the least of their worries back then.

However, there was a group emanating from the Church of Ireland Parish, which did have certain civil responsibilities towards the poor of the area. It appointed officers for health and the care of deserted children, and the provision of coffins for paupers, regardless of religious affiliation.

Letters, bills and receipts dating from the 1820s, give an insight into the hardships experienced by the poor of the parish.

Funds came from the collections taken at Sunday morning and evening services, which were put into an account for those most in need.

Large quantities of coal, turf, oats and wheat meal were purchased on a weekly basis for distribution to the needy.

1824 - Clothing was provided on a regular basis. In 1824 complete outfits were ordered for "three poor women belonging to the Church of Lucan". The women, Mrs. Sheeran, Mrs. Pointon and Mrs Reed were all widows. These outfits were ordered by Emily Vesey and comprised of calico gowns, check aprons, linen shifts, petticoats, stockings, flannel waistcoats and muslin caps. Three shawls were also ordered at a cost of 2s 6d each. The cost of material and making all of the above amounted to €3.15s.7d. Shoes were provided at a cost of 19s 6d for three pairs. All were paid for out of poor fund.

1825 – Another 3 women were dressed, and in **1828**, Maria Kingston ordered 17 cloaks for the poor. Men were also provided with clothing. 4s 6d was the cost of one large suit and 3s for one small suit in 1828.

January 1831 – 18 blankets, 15 cloaks and 6 great coats were distributed to the poor.

In 1828 Rev. Ould writing on behalf of Sally McNamara, describes her as an "extremely poor and very deserving creature who has been fourteen years living in this parish and had never received any parochial assistance whatever". Rev. Ould requested that she be given half a crown for the present and if possible that she be put on church poor list, adding that she is a R.C.

Another letter seeking assistance reads: "The bearer's wife Ann Murphy is lying ill in a cabin on the Lucan Road & is quite destitute of nourishment or drink.

In 1835, the Roman Catholic priest in Lucan announced that his community no longer wanted Protestant aid. Thereafter, Lucan parish only helped Protestant poor.

Lucan Mutual Improvement Association

By 1890, men of the Church of Ireland parish instigated the Lucan Mutual Improvement Association. Subjects discussed were tobacco and opium smoking, total abstinence versus moderation, strikes, socialism, free trade, poverty education, divorce.....

1896 – **John Woodward Stanford** addressed the meeting with a paper which posed the question 'is it in our power as an association to do more for the improvement of the moral and social life of Lucan? Stanford suggested that improvement should include the lighting of the village, and that a reading room, gymnasium, co-operative store, a band and possible a guild, could be provided, the later 'so that boys leaving school and passing into manhood might be well looked after'.

A meeting was devoted to discussion on the feasibility of lighting in the village – it was felt that street lighting in the long winter evenings would be desirable and it was decided after a heated discussion that a committee should be formed which would consult with 'leading gentlemen of the neighbourhood including Roman Catholics, to take such further steps as may be decided upon'.

Some other items suggested by Stanford were also favourable. **Joseph Shackleton** approved of a gymnasium being provided but thought that the notion of a co-operative store would be a nonsense in Lucan, as was a suggestion of wash-houses when there was the river Liffey at hand.

In the latter half of 19th century, the vestry of Lucan parish complained on many occasions both to local businessmen and to Celbridge board of guardians about conditions in Lucan Village.

In 1887, Hills Mills were responsible for diverting the current of the River Liffey so as to strike the south or parsonage bank. Objection was made to this and also to the nuisance caused by the erection of a privy overhanging the river and to the pollutions possibly connected as the diversion of the current probably caused the effluent from the privy to be washed up on the vestry grounds, which swept down to the river at that point. The matter was satisfactorily resolved three months later when the mill owners resolved to move the privy and to 'shut the same with timber to the bottom'.

(Ref: Aspects of Lucan – Suzanne Pegley)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree got off to a great start last Friday morning when Donal gave a presentation on how using the correct white balance setting can improve the quality of our photographs enormously. Following Donal's presentation, Brendan introduced us to the delights of using Google free storage to save our photos. What Google is capable of doing was both amazing and frightening. We will be continuing our exploration of Google photos with Brendan this weekend.

Our photos this week are a mixed bag. Frances submitted one of a seagull in the Supervalu Car Park which she entitled "Morning Coffee".



Paddy was in Howth and down by the Liffey with his photographs and there were two contrasting photos of part of the old Shackleton Mill taken from the south side, one taken by Joe during the cold misty weather we had recently and the other taken by Donal in better weather conditions.



Josie was down by the river and took a photo of a Purple Poppy Seedhead which she explains flowers in Summer.



Coming back to Shackleton's Mill, also known as Anna Liffey Mill, this was a water powered mill constructed in the early 19th century and it milled flour until 1998. In 2009 the Mill was used by the BBC as the location of the episode of the Inspector George Gently series entitled "Gently Through the Mill". The series ran for ten years ending in 2017 with the character of Gently being killed in the final episode!



Until next week stay safe!