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I write the front page of the newsletter most weeks currently. However, I am not a part of the Newsletter Team. Therefore, I can quite objectively write about the team and the machinery of the newsletter from a slightly outside perspective! I was amazed at the whole operation when I first experienced it two years ago.

The first newsletter was published in 1967 – 58 years ago! It is quite a feat to have continuous publication weekly from humble beginnings using a Gestetner to current times using computers and a coloured printer.

The Newsletter appears in the local shops and spaces on Thursday afternoons. From the very moment that the newsletter arrives in the public arena in Lucan, the next newsletter is beginning already! Mary, Anna and Rose receive articles, photos, advertisements by email and in hard copy form and build the pages of the newsletter throughout the week. The deadline for receipt of items is 10pm on Wednesday.

Every Thursday morning, the team arrive in the St Mary's Parish Office with most of the work already done with the exception of adding anything that might have been left in the office in hard copy. The printer starts rolling from 9.00a.m. Calm, chat and good humour reigns throughout along with coffee and buns! Yes, sometimes technology sits down or electricity fails – but solutions are always found so that the pages are arranged for collating and folding by lunch time by another team.

The team of people who deliver take over from mid-afternoon every week, so that you may then find copies in the shops throughout Lucan.

The Newsletter addresses current local, national and international issues, concerns and celebrations. It engages the writing, artistic and creative talents of those who wish to contribute. It provides updates on local organisation and advertising for local businesses. It has something for everyone and is read far and wide through its' hardcopy edition and online edition of more modern times.

As we arrive in the depths of summer, the Newsletter Team take a break until the end of August. We thank all concerned for the voluntary work on the newsletter since last summer and wish that the members of the team take a good rest. Sincere thanks to the Newsletter Team.



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

Online Safety

Comisiún na Meán plays an important role in protecting our rights online. Thanks to the Online Safety Framework, there are now rules to make sure children and adults are protected from harmful or illegal content online. More information on our website.

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What is the Auto-enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme

Auto-enrolment is a new pension savings scheme for certain employees who are not paying into a pension. They will be automatically included in the scheme but can opt out after 6 months.

The introduction of the Auto-Enrolment Retirement Savings Scheme, called My Future Fund, will start from 1 January 2026.

Under the scheme, the employee, employer, and Government all pay a certain amount into the employee's pension fund.

A new public body, the National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority, will be set up to administer the Auto-enrolment scheme. The scheme will be supervised by the Pensions Authority.

The rules for auto-enrolment are set out in the Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings System Act 2024.

Who will be automatically enrolled?

You will be automatically enrolled in the new pension scheme if you are an employee and:

You are aged between 23 and 60

You are not currently part of a pension plan

You earn €20,000 or more per year

If you previously contributed to a pension but now do not, and you meet the other conditions, you will be automatically enrolled.

If you earn less than €20,000 per year, or you are not aged between 23 and 60, you can choose to join the pension scheme if you are not already part of a pension plan.

Does my employer have to participate?

If your employer does not meet their auto-enrolment obligations, they will be subject to penalties and possibly to prosecution. If they don't make contributions on your behalf, they may be fined and have to make repayments with interest.

However, there are no plans to force employers to contribute to personal pensions.

What happens if I already have a workplace pension?

You will not be enrolled in the new auto-enrolment scheme if you are paying into a workplace pension plan. You can read more about occupational pensions on our website.

What happens if I change jobs after being enrolled?

If you change jobs after being automatically enrolled, you won't need to change pension or join a new scheme. You will remain a member of the auto-enrolment scheme on a 'pot-follows-the-member' basis. You won't have to do anything, as the new National Automatic Enrolment Retirement Savings Authority will manage the change.

Is auto-enrolment better than my personal pension?

Whether auto-enrolment or your personal pension is better for you depends on your situation and circumstances.

You should review your personal pension and compare it with the benefits of auto-enrolment to see what works best for you.

Can I opt-out of (leave) the pension scheme?

After you are enrolled, you must stay in the pension scheme for at least 6 months. You can opt out after 6 months but before you have been in the scheme for 8 months.

Your contributions will be refunded. More details on our website.

Icon Courses in St Mary's Parish Centre

St. Mary's Parish has been fortunate to have Mihai Cucu leading a group of individuals in the tradition of icon writing for the past three years.

*An Icon
from this
year's
course.*

In recent times, iconography has become an integral part of Western tradition. The theology behind icons, along with their rich symbolism and profound spiritual significance, continues to attract more and more people. Icons serve as constant reminders of the Divine Presence and, more importantly, of the intimate relationship we share with God.



The new Icons were blessed at the Vigil Mass in St. Mary's, on Saturday last.

These iconography courses and workshops play a crucial role in preserving an ancient and beautiful tradition, one that traces its roots back to St. Luke the Evangelist.

Lucan Newsletter Summer Hols!

We're all going on a Summer
Holiday from now

until Sunday 31st August

All items for that issue should be
with us by

Wednesday 27th August.

We hope all will have a
happy and safe holiday time!



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!



Family Fun Day: WOW!!!! What a day we had for our annual Family Fun Day. This year we moved the Fun day into Cluain Ni Ri park and it was a great success. We were delighted to see so many of our community come out and enjoy the day. We would like to thank all our volunteer's that helped out on the day it would not have been a success without you all. We would also like to thank the local businesses that donated to us Euro Spar Ballyowen, Regal Fare, Foley's Life Pharmacy Ballyowen, Pennyhill, Barefoot yoga and Shane Moynihan TD. Thank you to Liffey Sound FM for all their coverage on the day. The entertainment on the day was amazing Zumba with Sue, Croi yoga, Inisealga Irish Dancing, Alex J Byrne. Music was The Snappers Ukelele Band, Sli Dhala Comhaltas Lucan, and Comhaltas Craobh Leamhcain. A special thanks to the Lucan Festival and 23rd Dublin Lucan Scouts Troop. Big shout out to South Dublin County Council for funding the day and also getting the park in order for the day.

Volunteers: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like volunteer at some of our events please 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.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses: **Mon. Wed. and Fri.** 10am.

St. Mary's Parish Centre Summer Break

We are closed for Summer Break from Friday 1st August until the Monday 1st September.

We look forward to seeing all our clients back in September.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



St. Mary's Readers' Roster August 2025

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 10.30am and 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of August has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for

inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation: We will have no meeting for the month of August. See you again in September.

*Wishing everyone a blessed and restful Summer Break
Keep Praying.....
Sr Geraldine*



Thank You

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the wonderful staff of Supervalu, Lucan, Their professionalism is helping us organize our two Parish celebrations was so much appreciated. Special thanks to Michaela, Gemma and the staff of the both the Deli and the Bakery, who gave us the most wonderful sandwiches and beautiful cakes, which all the Parishioners of St Mary's and St Patrick's were thoroughly delighted with.

Our grateful thanks also to the delivery team on getting them to us in St Mary's Parish Centre.

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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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)

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.



You may be aware that four Dublin city centre churches have been designated as a **Pockets of Hope** pilgrimage site for this Jubilee Year of Hope. In each sacred place, pilgrims can find quotes

from the late Pope Francis' document, **'Hope does not Disappoint'**.

If you would like to join Fr. Ubaldo and a number of parishioners on this pilgrimage, on **Wednesday 30 July 2025**, please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or Parish Office.

The plan is to make our own way, by public bus, to Westland Row for 10.00 am Mass and to follow the recommended route from there. The longest walk, from City Quay to Sean McDermott Street, takes about 20 minutes. We will finish about 1.00 pm in the Pro Cathedral.

Mary Jackson



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 11th August

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

Church Gate Collection

at all Masses **THIS** weekend 26th/27th July
is in aid of the **Prolife Campaign**

Please give as generously as you can

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:

Tuesday, Thursday and **Saturday** at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Tea/Coffee: Our Coffee Morning will be held after 10 am Mass on **Tuesdays** for **July** and **August**. Do drop in. *All are welcome*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

August Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **Sunday 17th August**

Thank you for your generosity.

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

Retreat

Fr. Price Clarence SJ will give a retreat in our Church of Divine Mercy on **Friday August 1st from 6.00pm - 10.00pm.**

This will include Confession, Holy Mass and Ministry.

More details can be seen on Ruach Ministry on Facebook.

Birthday Remembrances

Shane Carey, 42nd Birthday, 2nd August, 4th Away from home

Birthday remembrance in Heaven of our much loved and missed son, and brother Shane.

Forever Young

It's especially difficult today not to have you here
To celebrate the times we shared
Over another joyful year
We wish we had one more chance
To see you smiling face
To laugh and celebrate with you
Just for a little while
We'll hold onto you forever Shane
Deep within our hearts
And though you're not here with us Shane
Know that we will never part
You always loved your birthday
So we just want to say
That we are thinking of you
With so much love Shane
On this your 42nd Birthday
*Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters,
your daughters Zoe, Keisha and Nicole and
granddaughter Sibhera xxxxxx*



Jemmers Condron

Happy Heavenly Birthday Jemmers,
*From your loving wife Philomena,
sons Paul And James and extended
family.*



CEMETERY
SUNDAY



Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on **Sunday 31st August 2025 at 3pm** (weather permitting)

Cemetery Collection in aid of St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown

Anniversaries

Raymond (Ray) Carey, 42nd Anniversary, 30th July

Of our much loved and missed son, brother, uncle and granduncle Ray. **Forever Young**

As days gone on without you Ray
And months turn into years
Your missed so much
And loved beyond compare
We miss that loving smiling face
You never ceased to share
In all the gifts in life, no matter big or small
To have you for a son and brother
Was the greatest gift of all, Ray
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near
Loving you so much Ray
And missing you like it was yesterday
*Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers and sisters
Look after your sister and brothers for me
Until I get there xxxxxx*



Mary Christal, 3rd Anniversary, 23rd July

Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.
*Always remembered by your loving husband Jack,
son Mark, daughter in law Mary, grandchildren
Jack, Ellen and Hugh. xxxxxx*



Michael Farrelly, 7th Anniversary

Gone are the days we used to share
But in my heart you are always there
The gates of memories will never close
I miss you more than anyone knows
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget
Sadly missed by your loving wife Beryl



Michael Farrelly

You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
Though we cannot see you
You're always at our sides.
*Love and miss you always your loving sons,
daughters, grandchildren and great
grandchildren*

Ann Moffitt, 7th August, 16th Anniversary

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen unheard but always near
Still loved still missed and very dear
From all your family xx



**Ann's Anniversary Mass will take place
in St Patrick's Church on 3rd August at
12 o'clock.**

Irene O'Grady, 2nd Anniversary, 31st August

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Michael

Joseph Patrick Fox, 3rd Anniversary, 5th August

In Loving Memory of a Special Husband
It's been the hardest thing to lose you
You meant so much to me
But you are in my heart my love
And that's where you'll always be
I know that Heaven called you
But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you
They will never fade
I did not want to lose you
But you did not go alone
Because a part of me went with you
When Heaven called you home
So just remember one thing
We are not apart
'You're with me in my memories
And in my broken heart
*Gone but never forgotten
From your loving wife Linda and family*

Jean Fox, One year Anniversary away from home

Your watch still rests by the bed where you lay,
It ticks on in silence, one year since that day.
A hole in our hearts that can never be filled,
Your memories remain, forever instilled.
Small in stature, yet larger than life,
With a heart so big, a wonderful wife.
A mother, a sister, our family's glue,
No words could ever show our love for you.
*Loved and missed every day by your husband
Dessie, children. Karen, Lisa, Kevin, brother Joe
and son/daughter in-laws Andy, Rachel, Jerry and
Breeda, grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel, Craig,
Nikki and Kelsie*

Nanny Jean (Fox)

One year has passed but our love remains true,
Every day through each adventure
We think of you,
We would love to see you for a chat,
some advice or a cup of tea,
But we know deep in our hearts
Is where you will always be.
We miss you so much each and every single day,
We will try our best to follow your words; go
everywhere and do everything we can in every
way.
We love you forever our dear Nanny Jean and
together we will keep chasing all our dreams.
*Loved and missed always by your grandchildren
Laurajane, Nikki, Daniel, Kelsie and Craig xxxxx*

LUCAN Festival

On Sat 6th September we once again will have our only fundraising event in the grounds of Lucan House. This year there will be 2 sessions, afternoon and evening.

Please note the following

1. No dogs other than guide/care dogs
2. Admission is €5 (children 12 and under free)
3. Afternoon session, Main gate open at 12.30 and last admissions at 4.15. Afternoon session will close at 5pm.
4. Gates reopen at 6.30pm for evening session
5. On payment of €5 you will be given a wristband. This wristband if got during the afternoon session will allow you back for the evening.
6. Evening session entrance for those with wristbands through the main gate.
7. For those with no wristband the entrance is at the gates on the Leixlip road just up from the AIB and the same admission cost is €5 (children 12 and under free)

The afternoon will have dinosaurs, birds, music, yoga, vikings, historical exhibition, cricket etc and an international food fair in the stable yard where you can sample wonderful food.

The evening will have local bands entertaining you on stage from 6.45pm until just before our spectacular fireworks display at approx. 9pm.

Wristbands for health and safety reasons are confined to 4,900 and when that number is reached gates close.

Please follow the stewards and Gardai instructions on the day.

On the Tues and Thurs mornings we will have a tour of the Historic Shackletons Mills on the Low Road. Numbers are limited to 25 on each morning. If interested please send your details to us by email at lucanfestival@gmail.com. We will then reply back with details.

Thurs night 4th Sept well known local man Jim Doyle will present an illustrated talk on the life of Roger Casement, Imperialist, Humanitarian, Irish Revolutionary and Patriot, in the Presbyterian Church at 8pm.

Joe Byrne



Gavin Glynn Foundation Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone for showing your support, whether you came and supported or donated online.

To see so many people come along to support and enjoy our cakes but to also honour James in such an uplifting way has been nothing less than amazing! James brought joy and humour to everyone around him and to see the same spirit reflected in the smiles and conversations was beautiful.

Because of your generosity we have so far raised €8350.00 and every penny will directly go to The Gavin Glynn Foundation for their incredible work.



Thank you again for making this year's Bake Sale a huge success, James would be so proud



Birdie is off on Summer Hols

from this weekend – looking for somewhere with nice sunny (not too warm), dry days.....

Lucan saw a few floods again

on Monday last following some heavy downpours – Hillcrest Walk was worse than the previous week – but, a man with a shovel, and another with a brush, and hi-viz vests, came to save the day – only they didn't! Hopped back in their little council truck and drove off into the sunset..... Hopefully all will be sorted properly in time for the next downpour!

Dubs Ladies are still in the Championship!

We still have something to cheer about with the **Dublin U18 Ladies** in the final in Birr v Cork this Saturday 26th, and on August 3rd, we get a chance to cheer on the **Senior Ladies** v Meath at Croke Park – **Come on the Girls in Blue!**

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate



Saturday, 19th July, saw a most historic occasion at St. Mary's, when John Gormley from St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parishes, and Arcadiusz Lenkiewicz, from St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Mountview, Blanchardstown, were ordained as Permanent Deacons.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell was the principal celebrant, assisted by local and visiting clergy.

In a packed church, none of us knew what to expect, but were pleasantly surprised by the ceremony, and the old rituals – a day that will be remembered for a long time to come.

The Choral, and various singers were magnificent. The Flower Fairies excelled themselves with the beautiful floral displays, and afterwards, the hardworking catering team, looked after everybody, also providing a cake for the occasion. It was a nice chance to mingle.



We wish John and Arcadiusz every blessing in their new ministry

AONTAS ANNUAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRIP



On Friday last 18th July 19 members of Aontas along with 9 parents and guardians took to as the song says “The Hills of Donegal”. This is the 5th year the group have travelled to Donegal. Previously we travelled for the 1st two trips to Fanavolty which is in North Donegal and in the parish of Clondavaddog. In the last three years following the explosion in October 2022 in Creeslough we found ourselves visiting the parishioners there for the 3rd time this year. Creeslough which is built on a winding hill which overlooks the Ards Peninsula. Percy French made Creeslough famous in the 19th century when he wrote “The Immigrants Letter”. We can categorically tell you we most certainly did not feel like immigrants on our visit here. The parishioners along with their priest Fr. John Joe Duffy could not be more welcoming to which we are indebted for their kindness to the group.



These trips have become a fundamental part of our group. “Aontas” translates as Unity and that is exactly what these trips are about. They give the group a chance to spend time together away from all the distractions afforded to us at home. As our practice times are for 1 hour generally and mass on the following Sunday we don’t really have ample time to have a

chat and to engage with each other. These trips give us the chance to do just that. We get to know some of the newer members and to bond with the older members who are very much part and parcel of the Aontas family.

Our 1st night took us to the home place of Clannad, Enya and Moya Brennan where we were warmly welcomed by Bartley Brennan. We spent the evening in Leo’s Tavern which is nestled in the village of Crolly. It is very much steeped in history of music and has had many a famous celebrity there. I sat in a particular seat and little did I know that Bono actually sat in the same seat (my one and only claim to fame). We had a lovely meal followed by a chance for a large number of our members to enjoy an open mic night. This highlighted the many talents within the group, from fabulous singing to playing piano and guitar.

An early start on Saturday at 8.30am saw us travel to Burtonport to fetch the ferry to Arranmore Island. We were collected by bus and taken on a tour of some of the island. We travelled to the

lighthouse and did a bit of a climb dodging some sheep much to the amusement of some. There were plenty of antics from some of our more senior members who instead of looking like singers were chancing their arm at circus acts but all in good spirit. We went then to St. Crone’s Church where we were met by Fr. John Atttoh who is a Nigerian priest and would you believe knows our very own Fr. Pius and has actually visited Lucan. He very kindly allowed us to use the church for some time to pray and reflect.



Music was acapella and some scripture was read followed by some thought-provoking reflections on how we can further reach out to young people within our community who may not be musical but who may also like to become involved in some other way with Aontas in our parish partnership.



We reflected on what Aontas means and does for us as individuals and as a group. Fr. John encouraged us to continue with the group and to continue with our singing. He reminded us that in the words of St. Augustine 'He who sings prays twice'. St. Crone's will celebrate 200 years of the opening of their church in August and preparations were very visible so we will very much keep the community there and Fr. John in our prayers.

We travelled back to our accommodation to get ready for mass in St. Michael's in Creeslough and as every year it's an absolute privilege to be warmly welcomed by the parishioners and in particular by Fr. John Joe Duffy. I think back to the 1st time we got in touch with Fr. John Joe. I'm not sure what he made of us but I am in no doubt we have made a firm friend. Like our own priests, Fr. John Joe gives of himself tirelessly to his community and also to us when we visit. The mass was so very prayerful and Fr. John Joe spoke very much to the group about the importance of reaching out to those around us, particularly each other and to our families and community around us. None of us truly realise as members of Aontas the

impact we have made to those around us. Again on Sunday, we sang at the 11am mass and had some time out afterwards playing volley ball in what became a very competitive fixture but plenty of fun.

As our final place departing from Donegal we always have the final stop before heading home at

Doon Well. It's a Holy well from the 15th century where it is believed that Lector O'Friel a very Holy and Spiritual healing man blessed many people who came to him to be cured. This gave the group a chance to share some personal prayers of thanks. Here we leave any worries or troubles we hold. We prayed here for the 6 members who were unable to travel with us this time but please God they will be able to travel on future trips. Gail, Gelaine,

Jordan and myself will travel to Rome next Monday as part of a representation from the Dublin Diocese along with Bishop Paul Dempsey to join in the Youth Pilgrimage as part of the Jubilee of Hope. Next year will see the group start the beginning of their 10th year from the first day of formation. We hope to travel along with some of our members as volunteers to the Philippines next year so we will give more details about that in the months ahead. Aontas are taking a much-needed break but will see you all again on the 7th September and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your support.

Míle Buíochas

Adam Hodgkinson (Aontas)



FREE ADMISSION to Heritage Sites on the First Wednesday of the Month

Don't forget, next Wednesday, the first Wednesday of August, you can visit participating Heritage Sites all over Ireland for free!

The sites around Dublin are:

- The Casino, Marino
- Farmleigh House and Gardens
- Rathfarnham Castle
- Custom House Visitor Centre

For more sites around Ireland, visit

www.heritageireland.ie

Primrose Hill Gardens

is an old-world garden with many different plants in flower

Open Heritage Week

16th August – 24th August

Open daily from 2pm – 6pm

Adults €6.00. Children Free.

Top of Primrose Land, Lucan.

Post Code K78L1W9



Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2025. The Return to Education Programme 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 Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills

Business English Language Skills

Data Entry – Improving

Keyboard Skills

Office Skills, Business

Administration

Word Processing

(Advanced)

Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)

Payroll Using Sage Software



For more details, contact

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or call (01) 6283557.



MARYMOUNT
CARE CENTRE

Caring Connections

Supporting the journey of ageing together

Invitation

At Marymount, we host a monthly information and networking session to support those in our community who are navigating the journey of ageing. These sessions offer valuable insights on a range of topics, including coping with dementia, navigating the Fair Deal scheme, dealing with frailty, and understanding palliative care.

This month, we are focusing on the new **Assisted Decision-Making process**. We are delighted to welcome Muriel Moore, a solicitor specialising in this area, who will share her expertise, perspectives, and practical guidance on how to navigate the process.

Please note: Places are limited, and booking is essential (note - this is a free of charge event).

This is a wonderful opportunity not only to deepen your understanding, but also to connect with others who are supporting loved ones through the ageing journey.

Thursday 31st July
7pm - 9pm
Marymount Care Centre
Westmanstown
Lucan

Contact reception on 01 8304500 to book or email fohi@mmcc.ie to book this free of charge event

Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan Library – August Events



Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

August Bank Holiday: Lucan Library will be closed from Friday 1st August at 4.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 5th August at 9.45am.

Heritage Week 18 - 22 August 2025

For Adults: Wednesday 20th August, 11am Celtic Design Mosaic Workshop for Adults with Martina Kirwan. Create something completely unique by combining Celtic stencil designs with Indian Lippa design. Use a variety of materials including vinyl and clay! All materials provided. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 13th August at 11am

Thursday 21st August, 7pm. Arthur Griffith & Michael Collins: One Forgotten, One Remembered. To mark the anniversaries of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, Historians Cathy Scuffil and Liz Gillis will discuss how, despite the contribution both men made to the creation of the Irish state, in the 100 years since their deaths one of them has been forgotten while the other has reached iconic status. Booking opens 7th August via Eventbrite.



For Children: Saturday 16th and 23rd August, 1pm-3pm. Introduction to Crochet for Children with Schneider Gwei, for ages 9+. Materials supplied in this enjoyable workshop. Children must be available to attend both sessions. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 9th August at 1pm

My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library
Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.

My Little Library Bag 2025

Have you a child in the house who is starting primary school in September? If so, bring them to the library to collect their Little Library Bag! The bag contains a book and a sticker book along with some useful information for parents. If your child is not already a library member, we would love them to join them up so please bring your own photo ID and proof of address.

Summer Stars Treasure Hunt - Griffeen Valley Park. Friday 1st August, 10.30am - 12noon. Fun for all the family! The Mobile Library along with a Face Painter and Balloon Modeller will be there to celebrate Summer Stars. Pre-Booking Essential via Eventbrite from Friday 25th July at 10.30am.

Book Launch: Saturday 30th August, 2pm. All Welcome. The Seraph's Fall - Origins, by Adryan Nick. Adryan Nick, a Lucan-based author of "The Seraphs' Fall - Origins", will be at the library to meet new readers. "The Seraphs' Fall - Origins" is a sci-fi novel exploring the eternal battle between light and darkness, good and evil, life and death. It is also Europe's first self-published sci-fi book with photo-luminescent covers, allowing readers to experience its storytelling in a completely unique way - it glows in the dark! Come along and chat to Adryan about his book and his writing.

Lego Workshops with The BrickxClub

Mondays, 11th and 18th August. 3pm. For ages 4 years and older. Please only book ONE session per child. For 11th August - booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from 4th August at 3pm For 18th August - booking essential via Lucan Library Eventbrite from 11th August at 3pm



Library Events Continued over.....

Lucan Library *Cont'd,*

Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner

Thursday 7th August, 3.30pm. For 9-12 years. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 31st July at 3.30pm. Thursday 14th August, 3.30pm. For 6-8 years. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 7th August, at 3.30pm.



Summer STEAM with Helen. Tuesday 12th August, 2pm for ages 8+. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Tuesday 5th August at 2pm

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, Sensory Explorers Wednesday 6th August, 10am

Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 30th July at 10am

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!



Arts and Crafts for 3-5 years With Mya: Wednesday 6th August at 3.30pm, booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 30th July at 3.30pm With Méabh: Tuesday 19th August at 3.30pm, booking essential via Eventbrite from Tuesday 12th August at 3.30pm

Parent and Baby Reflexology with Anne O'Connor: Thursday 7th August, 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 31st July at 10am

Musical Tots: Saturday 16th August, 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Saturday 9th August at 10.30am



Little Rascals - Sing, dance, move and play with Marley Music. Wednesday 13th August, 10am. For pre-school children. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Wednesday 6th August at 10am

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 26th August, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.



Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: 25th August, 12noon / Wednesday Book Club: 27th August, 7pm

Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 14th and 28th August, 10am – 12noon.

Exhibition: History of The Rose of Tralee from 11th August



Back Walls: Pre-Development Lucan – Images from the Brendan Cahill collection



CHOOOL NEWS

St. Joseph's College

Launch of PAL Team Fundraisers for Chicago 2025!

On Wednesday, 16th July, our Public Access to Law Team officially launched their fundraising efforts to travel to Chicago in November 2025! With great excitement building, the team of students, parents & teachers met to discuss the planning, organisation and schedule ahead, as they prepare to compete in the International Mock Trial Competition and fundraise to cover the costs involved. It is a huge honour for St. Joseph's to represent Ireland, once again, in this prestigious Mock Trial competition, taking on the complex roles of attorneys, witnesses, researchers in the Chicago Courtrooms in November.



We will have many fundraising events pencilled into our school calendar from September ranging from a sponsored Hike of Lugnaquilla, a Table Quiz in Lucan Sarsfields, Bake Sale & Raffle in St. Mary's Parish Centre, a Cookery Demonstration with Tony Kane, Bakery Specialist at Odlums in St. Joseph's! All are welcome to attend & support these events from September.

We are delighted to have the support of the very generous sponsors of our trip so far – a huge thank you to B2B Office Supplies, Brogan's Bar, Burns Unit in St. James's Hospital, Castletown Press, Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd., Toyota Liffey Valley, Coyne Solicitors, PCP Peripherals, JRAP O'Meara, Schoolwear.ie and Spice Village Eurasia.

As we have the unenviable task of raising €30,000 to fund our trip to Chicago, we would be delighted to receive support from any past-pupils, local businesses, organisations or corporate groups who would like to sponsor our team in any way. If you would like more information, please contact Catherine Bligh on cbligh@stjosephslucan.com or stjosephslucan@gmail.com.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

Summer Camps

Spaces for our August camps are filling up fast. They are open to all boys and girls starting primary school in



September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All our camps are dual football and

camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link; <https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €2,600. The Numbers were **2,19, 20 & 28.**



Lucky dip's go to

Bridie Burke, Brendan Freeman, Louise Byrne, Niamh Clandillon, Nina Healy.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €3,000.

This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Tá Freya Bollard ónár gcailíní F14 ag líonadh amach leis an bhfoireann Camógaíochta BÁC F14 le déanaí.. Deis iontach dí na scileanna a fhorbairt agus

taithí iontach á fháil ar an gcluiche agus í ag imirt ar son Baile Átha Cliath.



Freya Bollard from our U14 girls has been lining out with the U14 Dublin b squad lately. A fantastic experience and chance to develop the skill of the game while playing for the Dublin squad.



Táimid an-bródúil aisti - We are so proud!!

Go raibh míle maith agaibh @dublin_camogie as ucht an obair iontach a dhéantar leis na h-imreoirí seo uilig.

Campaí Samhraidh 2025

Mála & Buidéal NGO san áireamh

CAMPA AN GCLUB - AOIS 8-12 CLUB CAMP
11ú - 14ú Lúnasa/August 10-1pm

ÁRDSILEANNA- AOIS 13+ ADVANCED SKILLS
18ú - 21ú Lúnasa/August 10-1pm

📍 Páirc Naomh Caitríona 📍

POLITICAL NOTES

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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W4 bus route issues:

I have raised issues with the reliability and performance of the W4 bus route directly with Go Ahead Ireland and the NTA. This route is important to many commuters, and it is important that it is running to a high standard.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre Fun Day:

Congratulations to the team at Ballyowen Community Centre for organising a superb fun day in Cluain Rí Park last weekend. I am very proud to see both these initiatives continue to thrive.

Adamstown Blue Connect:

Congratulations to Adamstown Blue Connect on launching their summer camp for children with neurodiversity this week. I was honoured to join the volunteers and participants on their first day.

Thank you:

Thank you to the Lucan Newsletter team and I hope they get an opportunity to get a chance to recharge over the summer break!

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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Email jtuffy@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie

All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

Affordable Housing at Kilcarberry Grange:

70 New houses are going on sale at Kilcarberry Grange under the Affordable Dwelling Purchase Scheme - 5 four bed homes, 52 three bed homes, 12 two bed homes and 1 one bed. Prices range from €195,000 for the one bed to €395,000 for the 4 beds. The help to buy scheme and the Council's home loan can be used to buy these houses, which are aimed at first time buyers, or "fresh start" applicants. . Kilcarberry Grange is just off the Outer Ring Road and near Corkagh Park. Advice for prospective applicants is to get all your ducks in a row in terms of mortgage approval and other documentation, and to make sure you read all the information about the scheme on sdcc.ie to make sure you are eligible and how to apply. Applications will be accepted from the 6 August.



Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Revised National Development Plan:

The Government's revised National Development Plan, announced this week, sets out a €275.4 billion investment between now and 2035. It includes record funding for housing, water infrastructure, transport, and clean energy. With €36 billion committed to housing and more investment in water and grid upgrades, this plan focuses on real delivery and building capacity and I'm looking forward to seeing that translate into progress on the ground here in Lucan and across Dublin Mid-West.

Aura Leisure Centre Opening:

Great to see Lucan Leisure Centre's gym, fitness studio and Cafe opening on Monday 28th July. This long-awaited amenity will be a great asset for people locally and I know many are now looking forward to hearing when the pool side will be opened and ready to use.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Lucan Leisure Campus: Gym Opening. Last Friday, Local Councillors toured Lucan Leisure Campus, including gym and pool areas. Great to see the gym opening Monday 28th July, but disappointing that it will operate commercially without subvention by SDCC. Aura Leisure Services will operate the gym, despite @Pool4Lucan campaign (I co-founded with Sandra Whelan) lobbying for a public model for the facility. Discounts available for students/OAPs, but pricing remains higher than other SDCC facilities.

Still no date for the pool opening, although significant progress has been made with roof, tiling, sauna/ steam rooms completed.



I'll continue lobbying SDCC for subsidies to make access fairer for Lucan residents, following previous efforts of Paul Gogarty TD, formerly Local Councillor. Paul and I wrote up a report: see www.paulgogarty.com or via QR code here.

Political Notes continued over.....

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Flooding:

Over 50mm of rainfall recorded across Dublin (48mm recorded in Phoenix Park) this week, a new record. I reported flooding in Lucan Village, Hillcrest, Finnstown, and the Griffeen which flooded into the park. SDCC activated its Severe Weather Assessment Team responding to 7 flooding incidents, 5 tree incidents, 5 housing calls, 1 traffic light outage, and 30+ additional reports. Clean-up operations and investigations are ongoing, and any required works will be added to the maintenance and minor works schedule.

Benches:

Following requests from residents, I raised the lack of benches in Lucan, particularly on the hills and main street. The council noted the request and added it to the list for potential public realm improvements in 2025–2026.

Newcastle Road: Thank you for alerting me to a partially open manhole near Somerton, it's reported for urgent attention.



HE PSS Bhailé Átha Cliath agus Lár na Tíre
HSE Dublin and Midlands

A free 4 week group

LUCAN LIFESTYLE

Lucan Library
Tuesdays in September (9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
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

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 087 279 5274 |

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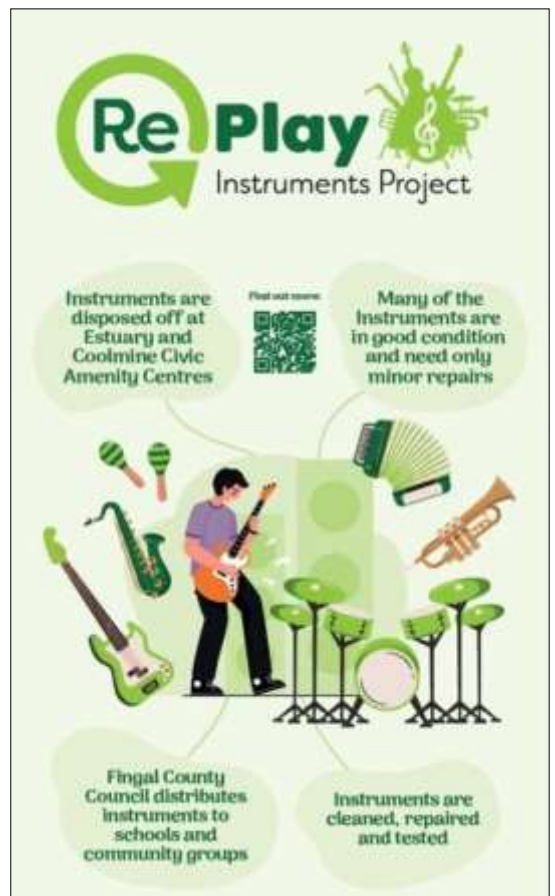
lionaotoole.com “Always working”

Lucan Leisure Centre Opening Date Announced:

After a long wait we finally have an official opening date for the new Lucan Leisure Centre. I'm pleased to confirm that the “dry side” of the facility including the gym, fitness studios and other non-pool amenities will open its doors on **Monday 28th July 2025**. The swimming pool section will follow shortly once the final cleansing and water treatment processes are completed.

It was great to visit the centre earlier this week meet with management and staff and see many familiar faces touring the new facility and signing up. This is an exciting and long-awaited milestone for our community.

I want to acknowledge the frustrations felt by many due to the delays and rising costs. These concerns are valid and important and I will be addressing them in full at a later stage.



RePlay

Instruments Project

Instruments are disposed off at Estuary and Coolmine Civic Amenity Centres

Postcard message

Many of the instruments are in good condition and need only minor repairs

Fingal County Council distributes instruments to schools and community groups

Instruments are cleaned, repaired and tested

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The strange weather has sent some of the Soiree into a frenzy of photographing mushrooms again! Joe found at least 25 of them in his back garden and Josie found a monster in hers, but Brendan counselled caution with large white mushrooms, especially the ones with white gills. He doesn't recommend them as accompaniment to the Sunday roast!



Michael G was in Sutton and submitted photographs of the expanse of Dublin Bay taken from the grounds of the Marine Hotel between the showers.



Joe got to the National Stud's Japanese Gardens in Kildare and submitted a photo of the Tea House. The Gardens were created between 1906 and 1910, their aim being, through trees, plants, flowers, lawns, rocks and water, to symbolise the 'Life of Man'. A lesser-known garden at the Stud is St. Fiachra's Garden designed in 1999 by landscape architect Professor Martin Hallinan to mark the beginning of the new millennium.



Anna was in Newport, Co Mayo and visited St. Patrick's Parish Church which contains a stained glass window (The Last Judgement) by Harry Clarke in the east wall of the chancel. The story goes that the then parish priest, Canon Michael McDonald, cashed in his life insurance policy to pay for the window (£800 sterling, £62,500 today)) which consists of three lights. Only the right-hand opening was completed under Clarke's supervision. It was not until February 1931, a month after Clarke's death, that the window was installed.

Until next time stay safe!