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Sunday 6th July 2025

Welcome to Fr Bill!

We welcome Fr Bill O Shaughnessy as our Parish Priest as he arrives among us, in Lucan, this weekend. Fr Bill hails from Castledermot, the parish furthest south on the Kildare side of the archdiocese. Castledermot is the birthplace of St Laurence O Toole, our diocesan patron saint.

Fr Bill comes to us from the parishes of Springfield, Jobstown and Brookfield where he served as moderator. Fr Bill is Assistant Director of Vocations in the diocese. He is coming with an open heart and enthusiasm to serve the parishes of St Mary's and St Patrick's.



As Fr Bill comes among us as our pastoral leader, we enter a new time in our parishes. Fr Bill will find himself in an open and a supportive faith community as he settles among us in ministry. Together we will continue to forge a way through present times and towards the beckoning future.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Fr Bill, we offer you a hearty welcome as you settle into your new place of home with us in Lucan.

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

Travelling abroad this Summer?

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Ireland provide travel advice to Irish people planning a trip overseas on their website. More information on our website.



What is the small claims procedure?

The small claims procedure (also known as the Small Claims Court) is a service which provides an inexpensive way for consumers and businesses to resolve disputes without employing a solicitor. The service is provided by the local District Court offices. To use the service, the claim cannot exceed €2,000.

Who are the parties in a claim?

If you are making the claim, you are known as the claimant. The person you are claiming against is known as the respondent.

Both the claimant and the respondent must be living or based in Ireland. If either party lives or is based in another EU member state, the European small claims procedure should be used.

How to make a claim

Applying online

You can apply online using the Courts Service Online website. You need an email address and a credit/debit card to apply online, and you will

need to create a username and password. See 'Completing the application form' on our website. Once submitted, you will be able to track the status of your claim by logging into your Court Service Online account.

Applying by post or in person

Print and complete a small claims application form (pdf) and return it to the District Court Office in the relevant area.

You can also get a form from local District Court offices where staff can help you complete it.

Submit your application by post or in person at a local District Court office.*

Types of claims dealt with under the procedure

The procedure can be used to resolve consumer complaints and certain other types of disputes.

You can make consumer claims about:

Minor damage to your property

Goods or services bought for private use from someone selling them during business

The non-return of a rent deposit for certain kinds of rented properties, such as a holiday home or a flat in a premises where the landlord also lives

The small claims procedure cannot be used to make consumer claims for debts, personal injuries, or breaches of leasing or hire-purchase agreements.

What happens after I submit my claim?

At this stage, the respondent can choose to do one of the following:

They can admit the claim

They can dispute the claim

They can counterclaim

They might ignore the claim

The respondent usually has 15 calendar days to reply, but this can vary depending on the District Court office.

How much does it cost to make a claim?

It costs €25 to make a claim through the small claims procedure. Bank drafts, postal orders and cheques should be made payable to 'The Courts Service'.

Full information is available on our website.

* Dublin District Small Claims Office

First Floor, Áras Uí Dhálaigh, Inns Quay, Dublin 7. D07 N972

Phone: +353 1 888 6854

Email: smallclaimsdmd@courts.ie

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 10.00 – 13.00 and 14.00 – 16.30

Fr. Philips Farewell.....

Hi,



As the older brother of Fr Philip Curran please allow me to say a big thank you to all concerned at the Lucan Newsletter, for the front page letter regarding my brother. It most definitely brought tears to my face. As on the day when he was ordained in June 1981 the same tears of joy ran down my face.

From the time he and I were altar boys in St Teresa's in Clarendon Street Philip was the one who most definitely answered his calling. So his journey began.

Every parish Philip was assigned to, he took on with all he had to give. Doing what he was most happy to do.

On Sunday June 29, I tuned in to watch his Mass at 12 noon from St Mary's in Lucan. It was so beautiful to see so many people in that church paying tribute to Fr Philip. As he spoke to the congregation it was clear Fr Philip was also moved by the turn out in the church. As it was in the same turn out in St Patrick's church in Esker that morning as well.

We as a family have had the pleasure of Fr Philip conducting christenings first communions, confirmations weddings and funerals. Where his words he always left a message with us all every time.

In most jobs we have all said at some time sure you won't get any thanks for putting in that bit of commitment. Well to all the parishioners of St Mary's and St Patrick's in Lucan you all most certainly showed your appreciation for Philips ministry. He was overwhelmed to say the least. Later that day he came to us for Sunday dinner and was in total shock with your response. He was filled with Joy and sadness.

As Fr Philip was the shepherd among you all for the past 11 years you should all congratulate yourselves on your dedication and commitment in attending your churches in great numbers. After 11 years in Lucan, we as a family are with you all feeling the loss with his departure. We wish Philip all the very best on his new appointment.

Jimmy and Irene Curran.



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.



Some members at the Annual Summer Party which was on Thursday last and was a great success.

Our Day Trip to Co. Down was on 3rd July and included a visit to the Linen Museum, and other stops, and Dinner on the way back. On 8th July we will have a visit to Aras an Uachtarain. After that we will take our Summer break, and meet up again in September.

Why not come and join us. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, Choir, and the chat. Coffee break at 1pm. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 12th of July, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates: August closed, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th.

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa

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: **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Summer Mass Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule has come into effect:

The only change to Sunday Masses is that there is **NO** 7pm Mass.

Weekday Masses: 10am on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

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)

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

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.*

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

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the mother, family and friends of **Philomena Temple**, England and formerly of Ardeevin, to the family and friends of **Carmel Cormack**, Esker Lane, to the wife, family and friends of **John McDonagh**, Fforster, to the wife, family and friends of **Gerry Doyle**, Beech Park.
May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 14th July

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



Feast Day St Louis & St Zelie Martin



Event: Feast Day Celebration of St Louis & St Zelie Martin - Parents of St Therese of Lisieux

Date: Saturday 12th July 2025

Time: 10am Mass & 7pm Mass.

Veneration of Relics & Exhibition:
11am to 9.30pm

Location: Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, R51 K379

Exhibition: Historical Items from the life of St. Thérèse and The Martin Family including unique pieces such as Vestments designed by Celine Martin.

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

Summer Mass Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule has come into effect:

There is no change to Sunday Masses.

Weekday Masses: 10am on **Tuesday, Thursday** and **Saturday**.

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

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

There will be **NO** Prayer Meeting until September.

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MPMH Cenacle.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

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. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50pm** Benediction. *All welcome*

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.

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

Registration for Religious Education Classes for Children who are attending non-Catholic schools

Children from first – sixth class must register for classes in advance of September. All details accessible via QR code.



Anniversaries

Susan Connolly

10th Anniversary, 10th July

Late of Arthur Griffith Park

The stars still twinkle in the sky

But still we sit and wonder why

The day you had to leave us

The day you had to go

Answers to those questions

We will never know

It's a power that's beyond us

There was nothing we could do

But always and forever Mam

We will remember you

Always loved and never forgotten by Aidan,

Caroline, Jimmy, John, Caroline, Sandra, Philip,

Susanne, Ray, Kenneth, Helena and Alan.



Nanny

What we would give if we could say

Hello Nanny in the same old way

To hear her voice and see her smile

To sit with her and chat a while

Of all the gifts in life, however big or small

To love you as our Nanny,

Was the greatest gift of all

Loved and missed every day by Stacey, Katie,

Erika, Emma, Lara, Rachel, James, Sarah, Kirsty,

Shauna, Hannah, Heidi, Emily, Eva, Sophie and

Leah. And her new great grandchildren Daisy

and Lily, who she would have loved and treasured
so much.



Jim Foley

11th Anniversary, 23rd June

Jo Foley

3rd Anniversary, 15th July

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.

Anne



Thomas (Tom) McMorrow

7th Anniversary, 3rd July

Late of Sarsfield Park.

What we would give if we could say

"Hello Dad" in the same old way

To hear your voice and see your smile

and sit with you and chat a while

Of all the gifts in life, however big or small

to love you as our Dad was the greatest gift of all

Loved and missed every day xx

Your loving wife Lena and children Breda, David,

Fiona, John, Stephen, Thomas and Terence.



As mentioned last week

we are changing

the **Fireworks** from the

Friday at Weir View to

Saturday night in the

grounds of **Lucan House**.



Sat 6th Sept is as usual our main fundraising event and this year we have reduced the **cost of admission to €5** for adults with accompanied children 12 and under free.

The grounds will be open from **1pm to aprox 9.30pm in the evening**.

See the magnificent **Lucan House** built c 1772, **Sarsfield's Monument** also from c 1772, Horse's stables build c 1700, the very old Bath House possibly before 1500 and the Vesey/Colthursts family cemetery with memorials dating from 1738 to 1917.

Those who are not **history buffs** can entertain their children by interacting with our own **dinosaurs, wild birds and various entertainers**. Local groups will also participate.

Food people can sample once again **international delicacies** which will be located in the **Stable Yard**.

A Music Stage will be in operation all day. Your admission fee will allow you entrance any time during the opening hours.

Once you gain entrance you can leave and return numerous times as you will be given a wrist tag.

See you there.

Joe Byrne, Chairman

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*

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 25th June, was our final social morning and lunch in The Spa Hotel, until September.



A special thank you to all the Bistro Staff who look after us so well.



We celebrated the July and August Birthdays, especially Margaret and Teresa who have the same birthday.



We wish all our members an enjoyable and safe summer.

Open Day Kildare Animal Foundation

OPEN DAY
SUN 13th July at 1pm
At Kildare Animal Foundation
Kildare Town R51 YE00

Plants, crafts, bottle stall,
cake stall, teas, antiques, face
painting, pet gifts, kids games,
BBQ and much much more.



FREE ADMISSION

Plenty of parking and seating.

Please join us for a fun filled family day out.
***No visiting dogs please as we have plenty to
be petted on site.***

Fascinated by historical research? 18+ group forming

- Lucan Library
this Saturday morning
(details in the booking link
below) for some informal

historical research in a group? Bring your laptop
or notebook. This is a "bring your coffee" relaxed
meeting. You won't be asked to do anything,
unless you want to get stuck in, but let's see what
we can find on Lucan together!

Let me know if you can come here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1406253204189?aff=oddtcreator>



A Shepherd Moves On – Farewell to Fr. Philip Curran

From Lucan's streets to Esker's green,
A light departs, but not its trace,
You've been the finest we have ever
seen.

Eleven years at Mary's side,

Three more in Esker – what a ride!
You taught us faith, you gave us cheer ...
And never once were late, we hear!
Time-conscious priest with holy flair,

Your watch was set to heaven's care.
If Mass began at half-past two,
At fifty-five, you'd already be through.
An IT guru in a Roman collar –

Fixing Wi-Fi while wearing a stole, no
dollar!

"Have you tried turning it off and on?!"
And lo! The printer demons gone.
You typed with speed, you preached with
fire,

You wore out keyboards – and inspired.
A sermon from you, people would queue.
A friend to youth, a man of heart,
You gave their wandering hope a start.

A parent, mentor, holy sage –
And still knew how to use a Facebook
page.
Ordained in '81 – what a coincidence!
The same year the reader here escaped
from the womb.

A cosmic joke? Or heaven's plan?
Two gifts that came to serve God's clan.
A gift you are to Kasese's fold,
In Uganda's hills, your worth is told

Mother Lucan with Esker weep seeing
you go,
Though Celbridge gains a sacred glow.
You always felt our tears, you knew our
names,
You always joined our joys; you bore our
flames.

Your presence calm, your humour bright,
A beacon in both day and night
Through parish halls and altar light,
You guided sheep both left and right.

A true administrator, sharp and wise,
With forms and folders alphabetized.
If angels file their paperwork,
They surely ask you how it works.

Lucan will miss you that's the truth,
From seasoned souls to rising youth.
Your mark is not just bricks or stone,
But love you've left in hearts alone

Celbridge – brace yourselves with grace,
A whirlwind's coming to your place!
But one with vestments, charms, and
class

With joy, dear Fr. Philip,

You've climbed the hill; you climb it still.
And when they ask, "Where has he
been?"

We'll say, "Changing Lucan – screen by
screen".

And as you go, we lift you high,

In prayer beneath the Irish sky.
Go forth with every blessing blessed,
May God go with you in the assignment a
new,
And know that here your name shall
stay –

In love, in thanks, in every way.
Farewell to you, our priest, our friend,
our brother,
With jokes, and prayers, and love to
send.

We'll miss your wit, your holy tech,

And all the times you've served Lucan,
Esker and beyond.

Compiled by Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo



Didn't the Flower Fairies do well!



A robot lawnmower no less, for his big new back garden in Celbridge.....



In Esker, Aontas Youth Choir presented Fr. Philip with a set of vestments.



St. Mary's Youth Choir, and below, some of the Family Mass liturgical readers.



His sweet tooth was catered for in St. Mary's Parish Centre.



*To say he was popular, is an understatement!
Very best wishes to Fr. Philip in his new Parish!*

ORDINATION TO PERMANENT DIACONATE OF JOHN GORMLEY AND ARCADIUS LENKIEWICZ
ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED

Archbishop Dermot Farrell will ordain John Gormley (Parishes of St Mary's & St Patrick's, Lucan) and Arcadius Lenkiewicz (Parish of St Philip the Apostle, Mountview, Blanchardstown) as permanent deacons to serve in the Archdiocese of Dublin

on Saturday 19th July at 3.00p.m.

This is a wonderful parish celebration and **EVERYONE is invited!**

John Gormley has generously responded to a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese to Dublin. John has spent that last four years studying theology, engaging in formation & prayer, actively discerning his call and response to ordained ministry.

The ministry of deacon has origin in the early church in seeking to serve the most marginalised and also in supporting the work of the bishops and priests. The Apostles selected and ordained men for this service to assist at the celebration of the Eucharist, preach the Gospel and exercise in charitable service. Many of the services carried out by deacons may also be served by lay people. Ordained diaconate is a public witness of Christ the Servant.

Call of the First Deacons (Acts 6:2-5)

The Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom, to whom we can hand over this duty. We ourselves will continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch.

There are two forms of ordained deacons in the Church:

- Transitional Diaconate which is the first ordination received by those on the journey towards ordination as priests.
- Permanent Diaconate of men who are ordained into the particular ministry of service.
- Both married and single men may be Permanent Deacons.

John is supported by his wife Edel, as Arcadius is by his wife Wiola. Ongoing discernment from initial application to the decision to present for ordination is very much a couple process so that the commitment and the implications are well considered together.

John, a father of four boys, brings a wealth of experience to the role as a recently retired secondary school teacher and as a very active parish volunteer for many years. John also brings his perspective as a married man and father to the role. He also brings his kind nature, open heart and good humour to the mix.

What do Permanent Deacons Do?

1. Serve at the Altar

Assist the priest at celebrations of the Eucharist.
Celebrate Marriage (with appropriate delegation)
Preside at funerals
Celebrate Baptism
Assist with formation of Altar Servers

2. Proclaim the Word

Proclaim the Gospel
Preach the Homily
Assist with formation of readers
Assist with sacramental preparation programmes

3. Charity

Visit the sick and bereaved
Facilitate development of lay ministry
Promotion of awareness of social teachings of the Church
Administration of Church property

The permanent deacon is called to work in close cooperation with the priests and all who serve in the various ministry groups in the parish. Deacons are not replacements for the priest or for lay ministers as all ministries serve necessary purpose and function. The Eucharist can only be celebrated by the priest. The Eucharist is core to being Church. *Continued over.....*

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We look forward to welcoming John as **Reverent Deacon John** in his new role and ministry on the parish team. We are grateful to John for his generosity of response and look forward to supporting him in his new ministry among us.

Do come along to support John, at the ordination, and to pray for him.

St Mary's & St Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council



We are currently looking for volunteers who would be especially interested in working in schools in Dublin 11 & Dublin 15, to start in September / early October 2025 - and be available 2 mornings per week for the academic year.

Informal interviews will be held in our Head Office in Christchurch Square ASAP.
Garda Vetting will be carried out by Barnardos in advance of starting the programme.

Training will be provided by Barnardos on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th August 2025 – All interested volunteers must be available to attend this training before being considered for the role.

Final Reminder.....

Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements. (*pages 8 and 13*)

Thank you to those who have replied so far. Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **Thursday 10th July 2025**



Maynooth Road, Celbridge.
(next to Salesians College)



New upcycled bicycle planter created by Holly Delaney and the NLN students

We can't believe we're already halfway through 2025!

The ACRE is officially in full bloom -bursting with colour, life, and a wonderful sense of community. As always, a huge thank you to our incredible team of staff and volunteers who keep the grounds thriving. Here's a look at some of the great things happening this season.

ACRE Summer Workshops: Plant a Wildflower Meadow with Ben Hickey



Join us for a Free Wildflower Meadow Masterclass!

Date: **Wednesday, 23rd July**

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm

Location: ACRE Project, next to Salesians College, Celbridge

Discover everything you need to know about creating a beautiful Native Wildflower Meadow in this short but insightful Masterclass with Gardening Expert Ben Hickey.

To book your FREE place, contact Frances at:

Frances@acreproject.com

Spaces are limited, don't miss out!

Lucan Library – July Events

Summer Stars Reading Adventure!



Summer Stars is back for all our junior library members! Ask at the library desk for a Summer Stars Activity Booklet which includes

your reading card. Return your completed card when you have read 8 books and receive rewards for your summer reading! Remember all completed cards will be entered into a draw for a prize at the end of the summer!

Summer Activities for Children

Friday 18th July, 11am and 12noon

11am: Anyone 4 Science Workshop for 8 yrs+:



Winnie The Pooh Bee Habitat Workshop.

Booking essential from Friday 11th July at 11am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/winnie-the-pooh-bee-habitat-workshop-with-anyone4science-tickets-1407515780589?aff=oddttdcreator>

12noon: Anyone 4 Science Workshop for 10yrs+: Make a Beeswax Lip Balm (children must be aged 10 year or over)

Booking essential from Friday 11th July at

12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lip-balm-beeswax-workshop-with-anyone4science-tickets-1407537906769?aff=oddttdcreator>

Wednesday 23rd July, 4pm - 5.30pm



Board games - Join staff for board games fun at the library. We will have a number of options including Cluedo, Catan and other classics! Suitable for ages 8-12.

Friday 25th July, 11am

Let's Explore Music with The Mobile Music

School for ages 6-10 years.

Together with interactive games and hands-on learning, the children learn new musical skills and explore the world of



music together.

Booking essential from Friday 18th July at

11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/music-with-the-mobile-music-school-tickets-1410173068609?aff=oddttdcreator>

Events for Younger Children:

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome



Arts and Crafts for 3-5 years with Meabh: Tuesday 15th July at 3.30pm, booking essential from Tuesday 8th July:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/library-crafts-tickets-1328287035279?aff=oddttdcreator>

Musical Tots:



Saturday 19th July, 10.30am.

Booking essential from

Saturday 12th July at

10.30am:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/musical-tots-with-karen-at-lucan-library-tickets-1328185210719?aff=oddttdcreator>

Wednesday 9th July, 10am:

Rhythm Rascals for Under 5s with Emma from Marley Music - Sing, dance, move and play.

Booking essential

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rhythm-rascals-with-marley-music-tickets-1407505469749?aff=oddttdcreator>

Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 22nd July, 5.30pm.

Register at Library Desk.



Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book

Club: Monday 28th July,

12noon

Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 30th July, 7pm



Lucan Library Knitters Club –

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group -

Thursdays 10th and 24th July, 10am – 12noon.



Exhibition:

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Lucan (WCI Lucan) Update – July 2025 End of Term Update

As our summer break

begins, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on a wonderful spring term here at WCI Lucan.

All our classes wrapped up in June, and we've been blown away by the energy, creativity, and connection that each group brought to the table. From creative writing and leadership skills to crafts and conversation clubs, it's been a joy to welcome so many women into our community spaces.

We also hosted two fantastic one-off events — a relaxing and rejuvenating Wellbeing Morning facilitated by Dorothy Jaworska, and a powerful Masterclass in Confidence facilitated online by Michelle Kinsella, Life Coach and Lecturer at Maynooth University. A big thank you to everyone who joined us!

We're Hiring! Join Our Team

WCI Lucan is currently recruiting for a Part-Time Project Worker (20 hours per week, over 4 days – Monday to Thursday, based in Ballyowen, Lucan).

❤ Be part of a feminist community development project that promotes women's equality and well-being.

This is an office-based role, with a mix of administrative, financial, outreach, and community engagement responsibilities.

Salary: €28,081 (pro rata) + benefits

Apply by: 5pm on 11th July 2025

To apply, please contact Fathima Reema Sain recruitment@womenscollective.ie

to receive the full job description and application form.

We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you as always to our local community and the parish team for your continued support.

Warm wishes from,

Rita, Jackie & Joanne, The WCI Lucan Team



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

Time to Move On

It's with a heavy heart that I wish to announce that I am moving on from Collin's Butchers Lucan. A business, I was fortunate to commence my career in as an apprentice, thanks to the late Joe Collins, taking a chance on me over forty-six years ago. A business I was to return and run, thanks to the opportunity given to me by Joe's son Niall. In moving on I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Margaret and Karl who have been fabulous to work with over the last few years.



To our customers, what can I say, you have supported the business through some very tough times, indeed it was with your support through Covid that enabled us to build the business to where it is today. Thank you for your loyal and generous support, it has been a pleasure getting to meet new faces and reconnect with those who have supported Collins Butchers for so long. To all the suppliers I have dealt with over the years thank you for your services.

I would like to wish Malcom Bell and Constantine who are taking over, the very best of business and ask that you continue to support your local butcher as you have done for me. A special mention and thank you to the current landlord Vinny for his support over the last few years.

Finally, my sincerest of thanks, to my family and especially my wife Sarah and most importantly my sister Jackie who have been there for me since I returned to Collins Butchers.

*Kindest Regards,
Fintan Dunne*

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



Baby & Toddler Group: Looking forward to our return in September and hopefully see some new and familiar faces.

Active over 55's: We look forward to hopefully seeing everyone return in September for some new activities.

Summer Project: We are delighted to announce the centre we be holding our first ever **Mini Summer Project** for ages 5–10-year-olds. It will run 14th - 17th July, cost is €25 per child and activities include Art, Crafts, Dance and Football.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Camogie U23B All Irelands Champions

Congratulations to Milly Hughes, Niamh Roche, Aoibheann Stokes, Ellen Dunphy, Cara Ware and Manager Anthony Nolan on winning the U23B Camogie Championship Final!

A proud day for the club to have such a big Lucan contingent involved. Well done all!

the QR code in the poster or the following link;
<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

All Ireland Hurling Semi Final



Best of luck to Chris, John and the Dublin Senior Hurling team in the All-Ireland Hurling Semi Final this Saturday! This is a massive achievement for the team and everyone in the club is very proud of both of our lads. Make sure to get your tickets and fill Croke Park for the boys in blue!



Summer Camps



Our summer camps and camp samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces 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,



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,400. The Numbers were **1, 3, 11 & 23.**

Lucky dip's go to Sharon Hickey, Eileen Benson, Tom Martin, Matt McCaffrey, Lorcan Donohue. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,800. This draw is sponsored by John Ryan, Accountant.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Bus shelters in Foxborough and Balgaddy:

I am disappointed that many months after securing planning permission, the promised bus shelters at Foxborough and Balgaddy have not been erected yet. I will be following up with the NTA.

Carers:

As of Thursday last, there has been an increase to the income disregard for the Carer's Allowance. The weekly disregard will rise from €450 to €625 for single carers, and from €900 to €1,250 for carers with a spouse or partner.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to three Lucan sportspeople on their awards of Active South Dublin Bursaries - Amy Wade, Saoirse Fitzgerald and Kate O'Connell.

Clinics:

I am holding an advice clinic on Monday 7 July at 1.30pm in Adamstown Community Centre and in Ballyowen Community Centre on Friday 18 June at 2pm. Please feel free to call 01-6184128 to make an appointment.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Well done Lucan United:

I was delighted to attend Lucan United FC's fantastic end of season ceremony in Westmanstown alongside Cllr Caroline Brady on Saturday 21st June. It was a great celebration and a huge well done to everyone involved.

First Home Scheme Extended:

Great to see the First Home Scheme extended in South Dublin, with new price ceilings now up to €500,000. This will help more first-time buyers in Lucan and nearby towns to bridge the gap between their mortgage, deposit and the cost of a new home.

Tidy Towns:

Wishing the Lucan Tidy Towns team the very best during the upcoming judging period. It's been a challenging year, with various works happening in and around the village, but they have continued their commitment to keeping Lucan looking its best. Well done to all involved.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil report:

This week at the EU Affairs Committee I queried the Danish Ambassador about his country's stance on Gaza, as part of its EU Presidency, as well as attitudes to human rights in Hungary, the war in Ukraine and its policy on citizenship and immigration. I queried the policy of people with deportation orders who may be flight risks being accommodated in hotels such as the recently purchased Citywest. I attended an educational presentation by My Lovely Horse Rescue in relation to much needed structural and legislative changes needed to protect animals from abuse in this country.

Antisocial behaviour incidents:

As more reports come in. I cannot overstate the importance of any incidents being reported to Gardaí, including video evidence if possible. Am highlighting whatever way I can.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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Pedestrian Crossing at Lucan Harriers:

The pedestrian crossing is finally operational at Lucan Harrier's and Westbury Grove. I was pleased to make many representations on this, on behalf of the Resident's Association, and seeing the crossing operational is an excellent outcome.

Quick Resolution of Public Transport

Accessibility Issue:

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) recently installed bollards as part of the N4 upgrade works, at the Kew Park bus-stop. This meant buses could no longer use their ramps. which allow passengers who are wheelchair-users (and buggies) to use the bus stop. I immediately contacted SDCC on this; they liaised with TII and the bollards were removed to allow the bus stop to remain accessible.

I will be in touch with many constituents individually over the coming week, with some responses and information to recent queries.

Political Notes continued over.....

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Flooding Esker Park:

Following my representations and highlighting of the issue at the Area Committee Meeting in June, tender prices have been received to install gullies and connections along the road at Esker Park.

This work is aimed at preventing recurring flooding and is scheduled to commence within the next few weeks.

Griffen Valley Park Pitch:

Safety concerns raised about open pipe ends on-site were reported and immediately inspected. The contractor confirmed all pipes are now either covered or fenced off.

Doddsboro Road Hedge Cutting:

Several residents, concerned about health and safety for pedestrians, contacted me about overgrown hedges and verges obstructing the path along Doddsboro Road from Woodview Heights to the roundabout. The matter has been referred to the Area Roads Engineer for investigation and report.

If you have concerns you would like raised, please contact me.

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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The Rules for Being Human

1. *You will receive a body.*
You may like it or not, but it will be yours for the entire period round.
2. *You will learn lessons.*
You are enrolled in a full-time, informal school called life. Each day in this school you will have the opportunity to learn lessons. You may like the lessons or think them irrelevant and stupid.
3. *There are no mistakes, only lessons.*
Growth is a process of trial and error, experimentation. The “failed” experiments are as much a part of the process as the experiment that ultimately works.
4. *A lesson is repeated until it is learned.* A lesson will be presented to you in various forms until you have learned it, then you can go on the next lesson.
5. *Learning lessons does not end.*
There is no part of life that does not contain its lesson if you are alive there are lessons to be learned.
6. *There is no better than ‘here’.*
When your ‘there’ has become ‘here’ you will simply obtain another ‘there’ that will, again look better than ‘here’.
7. *Others are merely mirrors of you.*
You cannot love or hate something about another person unless it reflects to you something you love or hate about yourself.
8. *What you make of your life is up to you.* You have all the tools and resources you need, what you do with them is up to you. The choice is up to you.
9. *The answer lies inside you.*
The answer to life’s questions lie inside you. All you need to do is look, listen and trust.

Handed down from ancient Sanskrit.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree is officially on holidays and will meet again in the parish centre on Friday 5th September at 10.30.

This week Josie submitted some photographs she took in the gardens of Hillsborough Castle in county Down. I particularly like the floral arrangement portraying a sewing machine with material and the view of the square outside taken through the railings. Hillsborough Castle is not a true castle. Rather it is

a Georgian country house built in the 18th century for the Hill family who owned it until 1922. Today it is the official residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and is used for important meetings and conferences.



Anna sent some photographs of an interesting sculpture taken on her recent visit to Tallinn, Estonia., the three monks, Ambrosius, the one helping, Bartolomaeus, the one praying and Claudius, the observing monk. The sculpture is located in the King of Denmark Garden.



Joe was in the Phoenix Park and submitted a photograph of the Magazine Fort. Built in 1735, it was used as an ammunition store up until the middle of the 20th century. The main body of the fort is approximately 2 acres in area. It is surrounded by a dry moat and the walls are approximately 1.5 metres thick.



Finally, our wanderer in the south of France sent in some nighttime photographs of the town of Niort in the Deux-Sevres department, western France. Despite its small size, Niort is a main financial centre of France, ranked fourth after Paris, Lyon, and Lille.

