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The Ever-Changing Face of Parish

Archbishop Dermot Farrell wrote to parishes on the Feast of Pentecost indicating that there will be changes in parishes.

Below are some observations on the shape of parishes in the future:



1. There is a decline in the number of men presenting for ordination. There are currently three seminarians in the Dublin diocese which means that a maximum of three men will be ordained priests in the next six years. Projecting these numbers forward it is clear that few parishes will have a resident priest. Priests, will serve the sacramental needs of several parishes. Daily, or indeed weekly, Mass will be rare if not unknown. Celebration of weekly Mass will probably occur on rotation over a large number of parishes.
2. The numbers of attending parishioners are also declining, except in some parishes with profiles that include new-comers from other countries. The numbers of volunteers are reducing as long-serving volunteers become less able or infirmed. Parish volunteers facilitate many activities of every parish: ministers of the Word and Eucharist, music provision, hospitality, cleaning, flower arranging, care of sacristy, ordering of provisions and supplies, services to the home-bound, services in parish centres, fund raising, Pastoral Councils, Finance Committees, safe guarding, etc. Most of the work of volunteers happens behind the scene, but is necessary for the church building to open each week and remain open.
3. It is possible to have faith services in parishes without a priest, as is the case in many countries around the world. Instead of meeting for a celebration of the Eucharist, people gather regularly for the Prayer of the Church and continue to manage with care of the church and community with the visitation of a priest when possible.
4. However, a church building can only be opened if the finance is there to meet the cost of insurance and basic utilities. Such finance comes from contributions made by parishioners, as is and always has been the situation. Money is managed very well by parishes and Finance Committees, ever conscious of the fact that the money comes from parishioners.

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Parish Pastoral Councils will review the material from the Archdiocese on possible merging and amalgamation of parishes soon. A very clearly defined process is outlined in the material provided with prayer, discussion and listening being core.



The factual content they will consider includes: (Below is taken from the *Process for the Modification of Parishes for Mission* as issued by Archbishop Farrell on the *Feast of Pentecost in May 2026*).

- *the changing demographics in the area;*
 - *the trends in the Catholic population of the parish;*
 - *the individual parish pastoral vitality;*
 - *the capacity to celebrate the liturgy;*
 - *the financial situation (including recent fundraising) and resources (including buildings and grounds);*
 - *the type of parish modification which may be suitable (usually 1 or 2 below):*
1. *Merger: where two or more former parishes unite to become a single new parish; all previous parishes become extinct – A and B unite to form C, only C remains (Canon 121)*
 2. *Amalgamation: A is subsumed into B, only B remains (by analogy to Canon 121)*

While this will affect some parishes in the very near future, it will affect all in the not too distant future. There is no denying that change will happen, but the resources regarding numbers of priests, numbers of volunteers, numbers of practicing parishioners and finances will define what will be possible in any local or partnership situation.

Almost all of us, no matter how young or old, will see massive change in the shape of church in Ireland in the next decade. This is not bad news; it is simply the unfolding of the story of the faith community. The shape of the church will be different, but it will be relevant for those who choose to be part of the parish community and for the times in which we live.

In the Holy Spirit, we are called to let go of what was, and open ourselves to where Christ is leading us, to embrace the hope God has for us and for all creation..... this will mean a letting-go. There will be a sense of grief and

loss, but there can also be liberation in letting go and starting anew.

*(Quoted from *Process for the Modification of Parishes for Mission*)*

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Big Metro Undertaking

I recently had a look at three of big projects in proposed Metro Link underground and the effects and delays they may have on public transport users in Dublin and the effects they will have on the Lucan area. To begin with, **1.** Tara Street, this is a major undertaking three levels and a major delay to trains, buses and businesses in that area. **2.** Another treble undertaking at Charlemont street with three levels. Not a suitable area at all for such an undertaking. **3.** At Glasnevin, another major costly construction of three levels in such a confined space and it's so near the city centre. Users from Lucan would **have to** change here to get the Metro Link to the Airport and country users would have to change twice. The local trains at this junction will be withdrawn for up to two years and could even be more. The big question is it worth it when there is a simple alternative that all areas of Dublin and all Ireland with rail would benefit.

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WE NEED YOUR NOMINATION!

AIB Community €1 Million Fund

Help Nagarhope Ireland, founded by Lucan man Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon, to secure vital funding for free education and daily school meals for children in Nepal.

Use the information below to

Vote before 5pm on 19th June:

aib.ie/personal-forms/community-fund

Charity Name: Nagarhope Ireland

Charity Reg Number: 20068189

Location: Greater Dublin

Social Theme: Education and Opportunities

Please share with family, friends and colleagues

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 17th June – Social Morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm, in St. Mary's Parish Centre.



Some of our members on a recent trip to the Arboretum, where all enjoyed a great day.



Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:

June 13th 2026

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Garden Open Day Fundraiser



@ 43 Beech Grove
Sat 13th June 2026
10.30am – 4.30pm

Support a very worthy cause

Stroll around our colourful garden.

Bring a friend

Tea/Coffee served

Donation on leaving

Contact: Joe & Aine 086 0561497



Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Our Cruise on the Shannon takes place on Thursday 2nd July, please pay your deposit on Thursday to confirm numbers. Details are on LARA Group Business.

Members planning a Cruise to the Mediterranean with the option of finishing the holiday with a week's holiday at a Luxury Hotel in Majorca need to pay the balance this week.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 am. New members always welcome.

Primrose Hill Gardens

Open daily for the entire month of June, and the first 7 days of July

The gardens have lots of colour with many unusual plants, and scenic walks surrounding a Georgian house attributed to James Gandon, Architect.

Adults: €6. Children Free



Happy Anniversary to Brendan and Rosaleen Kelly

who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last weekend.

Here's to many more!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, **NO 7PM MASS**
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

**WEEK DAY
Summer Mass Times**
Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am.

Confessions:

After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster July

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 1030am and 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 2026 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 meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow. *All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

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.

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.

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one, or a bereavement of any kind. To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 621 7041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

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.

Golden Jubilee of Fr Alex Conlan

We send best wishes and congratulations to Fr. Alex as he celebrates 50 years of his ordination to the priesthood this weekend. He was ordained on 13th June 1976 and will celebrate Mass this Saturday 13th June in his current parish of - Our Lady of the Rosary, Harold's Cross
Fr Alex arrived in St Mary's in 1981 and was editor of Lucan Newsletter from 1985 to 1991 before he moved on to Avoca.



While he was here in St. Mary's he led many Pilgrimages to Lourdes each August, where lots of great memories were made.

Photo is from a fundraising dance for the Lourdes Fund which happened to be held on Fr Alex's birthday, so we had to have cake. He also set up Lucan Youth Fun, which is still running today.

*Again many congratulations Fr Alex
from the Lucan Newsletter Team*

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 Summer Mass Times

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

Confessions:

After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Communion for the Homebound:

If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at:

secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

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Tea/Coffee:

After 10am Mass will be held on **Tuesday mornings** for the Summer. *All welcome.*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Sunday 21st June**

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

St. Joseph's Vocations

Divine Mercy Branch

Pilgrimage to Knock

on Saturday June 27

To secure a seat on the bus from Divine Mercy, please contact any of the following:
Mary McClelland 087-7866855
Parish Office: 01- 4572900
Parish Mobile: 089-4519959.



Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

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

Legion of Mary:

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm Benediction.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

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

Pauline Mulhern, R.I.P.

*No grand demands nor boastful claims,
Just kindness woven through her name,
And though today our hearts are sore,
Her love will live forevermore.*



It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent death of Pauline Mulhern. Although London was her final resting place, in Lucan's heart she will always remain. Pauline was the last of the Graham family from The Square in Lucan where she spent many happy hours growing up with her 11 siblings in the family home, the last in a row of two-storey houses built by the Shackletons just off Main Street for their workers in the local flour mill.

Pauline's father, Thomas Graham, had returned from the Great War and married her mother, Mary O'Neill, in the parish church of St Mary's. And it was in the old stone-terraced building on The Square that they reared 12 kids. It was there that Pauline met and married a handsome young man called Ben Mulhern and headed off to London where they raised two sons, Simon and the late Bernard.

Pauline, who doted on her two grandsons Oliver and Archie and never asked for much in life, is now reunited with her beloved Ben and devoted son Bernard.

*May she rest in eternal peace.
Our deepest sympathies go to
Simon and Debbie.
John Kelly and family*



Anniversaries

Ann Fox 5th Anniversary, 15th June

Though your smile is gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the one we loved so much
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we will never part
God has you in His keeping
We have you in our hearts

*Dearly loved and sadly missed Joe,
Antoinette, John, Kayleigh and Séan.*



Anthony 'Sid' Kennedy 6th Anniversary away from home, 8th June

*Forever remembered and missed
by your family and friends.*

William (Billy) Dobbs 40th Anniversary

Forty years have quietly passed,
But love and memories always last.
A wonderful father and grandfather true,
We will always love and miss you.
Forever in the hearts of your loving family.
**Mass will be offered on Sunday June 14th
at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church, Esker**

John McDonagh 1st Anniversary, 30th June

Late of Fforster Lawn.
In loving memory of a wonderful
husband and father.
Our angel up in heaven,
For now, we are apart.
You'll always live inside of me
Deep within my heart.
Missing you so much.
Your wife Angela, children and grandchildren

John McDonagh First Anniversary away from home

Remember that sad day you left us John
and you went to be with the Lord.
We miss you so much.
You were a kind loving husband,
father and grandfather.
We will hold you in our hearts
till we meet again.
From your wife Angela.

Birthday Remembrances

Marie Murray 60th Birthday 15th June

Today it is your Birthday
and you are on our mind
We miss you as we think of how
We'd celebrate those times

Happy Heavenly Birthday Marie
Even though we are apart
Remember that we love you
from the bottom of our hearts

Happy 60th Birthday Marie
Love from all the family xx



Birthday Remembrances

Alan (Al) Carey 46th Birthday, 3rd June

Birthday remembrance of a much loved son, brother and uncle Al.

4th away from home

Missed every day

Forever Young

To lose a fine and precious son, brother and uncle
Whether man or boy
Deprives the heart of all its warmth
And life of so much joy
But each year on this special day
We celebrate your birth
And treasure every moment
that you were here on earth
We took those days for granted Al
and never dreamt or thought
that all our lives would change so much
and yours would be so short
But now we must remember Al
that although the tears may fall
The son and brother we'll miss forever
brought sunshine to us all
Always loved and missed

Happy Birthday Sweetheart

Love you forever Al

*Mam, brothers, sisters, nephews
and nieces, until we meet again. xxxxxx*



Cemetery Sunday

Esker, Lucan

Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 30th August at 3pm

(Weather permitting)



ST THERÈSE OF LISIEUX
25th
ANNIVERSARY
— COMMEMORATION —
Join us on
SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 2026
at Whitefriar Street Church, Dublin 2
as we mark 25 years since the visit of the
Relics of St. Thérèse to Ireland.

SOLEMN MASS - 4.00pm

VENERATION OF THE RELICS
- After 10.30am & 12.30pm Masses
at the St. Thérèse Shrine
(until 2.30pm)
- After the 4.00pm Mass at the altar

EXHIBITION (11.00am - 6.00pm)
Held in the Carmelite Community
Centre (beside the Church). Featuring
memorabilia from the 2001 visit.

CONTACT
Ph: 067 888 7349

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME.

St. Theresa of Lisieux
"I will spend my
heavenly doing
good on earth."

St. Theresa of Lisieux

St. Theresa of Lisieux

Dan Rogers

14th June

Late of Woodview Heights
Of a much loved and missed husband Dan
Today, tomorrow, my whole life through
I will always love and remember you

To have you for a husband
Was cause enough for pride
No one could be your equal
However much they tried
I lost a husband in a million
I loved him till the end
I lost two precious things that day
My husband and my best friend
Dan you made me who I am
Because you loved me

Happy Birthday Sweetheart

I hope you are partying with Orla
and the boys.

Love and miss you forever

Your loving wife Mary xxxxx



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SATURDAY JUNE 13TH | **GATE OPEN 10:30 AM TO 4:00 PM**

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Introduction

Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for taking part in this short survey. Our Partnership forms part of a wider pilot programme that is currently underway, as recently referred to at Mass. The pilot, called **Funding Mission in Partnership**, is supported by the Archdiocese and focused on building vibrant, financially sustainable parish communities for the future.

Your feedback is important. It will not only help guide local planning within our Partnership of Parishes, but will also contribute to shaping how parish partnerships develop across the Archdiocese of Dublin in the years ahead.

As parishes and parish partnerships, along with the wider Church, continue to evolve (for example in areas such as Mass attendance, lay participation, and youth engagement), we are seeking to better understand how parishioners and others may wish to grow in their involvement and support in the life and mission of the Church.

About this survey:

- It can be anonymous
- It should take no more than 5–10 minutes to complete — please do so by Monday, 30 June
- Responses will be reviewed by the Office for Financial Development at the Archdiocese of Dublin and will help inform future decisions both locally and across the Diocese
- All feedback will be used solely for these purposes and securely deleted at the end of the project
- We are very grateful for your time and input.

Please scan QR code to begin:



Ruaille Buaille at Lucan House!

Despite the heavy showers, a good crowd turned out for a great experience at Lucan House on Saturday last. It looks like every kiddie in the country has lovely colourful rain gear these days.....

Tin Whistlers, Alan and Ali, were one of the highlights, as they gave us a few jigs and reels. Most impressive was the number of young people who turned up at this performance with their own tin whistles



This pair at **The Listening Post**

brought a real continental flavour on the day, with renditions in French and Spanish, and before long, we were drawn to the sounds of *'Heads, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes'*.....



Society for Old Lucan Sol Research Group

Our SOL research group have been busy researching and compiling a Heritage Trail of Lucan village. We met with our neighbours in Clann Chronáin, Clondalkin, who have been of great assistance with their advice; we are very grateful to them. If you get a chance, take a guided historical tour of Clondalkin with them <https://www.dublinsoutdoors.ie/round-tower-clondalkin-village/book-tour-now/>

We have met each month to gradually progress our own research paths, plus finalising the core points for the Lucan village heritage trail. We have secured the support of SDCC to work with us to install the final trail, as researched by the group, expected for installation in Lucan village in summer 2026. We're very excited about this, as it is great to finally get to publicly highlight some of our rich history and archaeology in Lucan!

This all follows on from suggestions by Lucan Tidy Towns for a heritage trail to further enhance our village and we believe it will be very popular, with QR codes on each sign that can give you further information if you want.

If you would like to join the SOL Research Group, get in touch with us at oldlucan@gmail.com

New Donation of Shackleton Receipts from 1917-30 to Sol

We were thrilled that a follower in Maynooth contacted SOL last week to offer to donate an archive of original receipts from 1917-1930 from Shackleton's Mills to us. We will ensure that these are digitised and made publicly available for local history research. More on this exciting discovery to follow! If you would like access to this material, please contact the Secretary Aoife Tierney, at oldLucan@gmail.com



If YOU have any historical documents or letters, please contact SOL, and we will ensure that they are housed in a suitable archive and digitised for public posterity.



Lucan House

Lucan House proper looks like it will be mostly closed to public access to the interior for the next few months, while SDCC work on essential repairs and conservation works. However, it has been extremely exciting that the public can now enjoy weekend access to the grounds of Lucan House, giving everyone a unique opportunity to experience this historic setting as a welcoming green space for park users. The demesne will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 7pm including bank holiday Mondays, providing a new destination for walking, relaxation and outdoor enjoyment. Already there have been hundreds of happy visitors and people having picnics.



Access to Lucan House demesne will be via the Leixlip Road entrance, opposite Primrose Lane. Visitors are advised that there is no public parking available within the grounds. Paid on street parking is available in Lucan Village. Buses stop a 3 minute walk away.

Updated Historic Environment Viewer with New Lucan Entries

It's great to see that the National Monuments Service has updated their online Historic Environment Viewer, as there had been a few years where new archaeological discoveries had not been added to the database. You can now browse discoveries for Lucan village and nearby areas (and the whole of Ireland) here:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b1692678340f49c799350a7546cf2ad1>

Aderrig Church, Lucan, Conservation Project

Archaeology Plan were in touch to confirm they have secured the CMF Stream 2 grant of € 30,000 for the development of Conservation Management Plans/Reports that will be aimed at identifying measures for conservation of Aderrig Church and improving public access.

Primrose Hill House in the context of Lucan

by Mr. Robin Hall

Primrose Hill was originally part of Lucan House Demesne. The original building, late 1700's, was probably a narrow two storey farm house. It was remodelled with additions attributed to architect James Gandon. Between 1808 and 1823 Gandon lived in Cannonbrook House in Lucan, a stone's throw from Primrose Hill.

Previous owners of Primrose Hill House included Dr. Heron, the Presbyterian Church and Mr. Whelan. Primrose Hill has a political history.

The current owner is Mr. Robin Hall whose parents, Mr. Kenneth Hall and Mrs. Cicely Hall purchased the house in 1957. The house and grounds were in a very dilapidated condition. Restoration work has progressed over the years, on a very modest budget. Structural and other items, notably granite steps, were salvaged from Rathmore, in Raheny, the Hall Family's previous home which was demolished.



Primrose Hill Gardens – Summer

When my parents purchased Primrose Hill in 1957 the garden consisted of a lawn and two semi-circular rose beds, and a desecrated orchid.

One of the first jobs, at vast expense, was to remove a large tree that was dangerously overhanging the house and to rebuild a large section of wall at the top of the garden.

A flower garden was constructed near the house and granite steps were added. The granite steps came from our previous home. Stone ornaments were added to the garden such as troughs, urns etc.

My mother used the Top Garden to grow vegetables. The Flower Garden followed later. Also planted at the time were *Fastigate Yew Trees* on the front lawn and a Beech Hedge.

Much later the vegetable garden gave way to a flower garden. There were trees planted in the Tree Field forming an Arboretum.

Plants were given and swapped from: Zoe Hall, Newport House, Malahide (*no relation*).

Mr. John Ellis, Straffan House, Co. Kildare.
Mr. David Shackleton, Beech Park, Clonsilla.
Mrs. Nora McConnell, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
Hon Helen Dillon, Sangford Road, Co. Dublin
And many others.

Primrose Hill Snowdrops

When Primrose Hill House and Gardens were purchased by my parents in 1957, there were no snowdrops growing in situ.

My mother, Cicely, brought some *Galanthus Elwesii* from our previous home, Rathmore. The *Elwesii* snowdrops had been acquired by my great grandfather, John Athur MacConchy in 1896. Probably from a shop or nursery supplied by a Dutch wholesaler. It was the only variety grown in Rathmore.

My father, was friendly with Mr. John Ellis, owner of Straffan House, Co. Kildare. Straffan house was the first great snowdrop garden in Ireland bolstered by magnificent *Plicatus* snowdrops given to Mr. Barton, the previous owner of Straffan House, by Lord Clarina of Limerick. He had collected them in The Crimea in 1856 when serving in the British Army.

At that time Mr. Ellis had no interest in snowdrops and let me have a very large quantity of *Plicatus* which I planted in Primrose Hill.

James Allen (1832 – 1906) bred two snowdrops with green marks the entire way up the flower tube. These two snowdrops were named *Merlin* and *Robin Hood*.

Following in the footsteps of James Allen, the Rathmore *Elwesii* and the Straffan *Plicatus* have set up five of Primrose Hill hybrids with green marks the entire way up the flower tube.

The ring leader is Cicely Hall named after my mother. The others being: The Whopper, Gay Hall after my wife, David Meares White, Mary O'Brien, Patrick Tobin.

Comment:

We must mention that Halls take much pride in Lucan Village itself, and recommend to all their foreign visitors, and those from other places in Ireland, to take a stroll around the place, and visit the grounds of Lucan House when they are open.

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

Food safety and Shopping

As a consumer, you have a right to buy properly stored food from the shop and supermarket. You should check that food is properly packaged before you buy it and check that it has a clear use-by or best before date.

What to avoid when shopping

When grocery shopping, avoid:

- Chilled food that is left out of the fridge or frozen food left out of the freezer
- Cracked eggs
- Leaking cartons or containers
- Swollen food packages (especially dairy, meat and poultry products)
- Broken or imperfect safety seals
- Raw foods and cooked foods that are not kept separated
- Servers handling raw meat and cooked food without washing their hands, or using the same utensil
- Products with mould, discolouration or infestation

Self-Service Bars

Never touch the food with your hands and do not sneeze or cough near the food. If you see anyone mishandling the food, report it to a member of staff.

Each food should have its own utensil, such as a spoon or tongs.

Self-service salads should be in a chilled unit to keep them fresh.

You should also follow the supermarket's instructions carefully. For example, some food may need to be eaten within a certain time.

Best before and use-by dates

Always check your food's best before and use-by dates before buying and eating it.

The best before date (sometimes written as 'BBE') tells you when the quality of the food will start to get worse, for example, the colour or texture might change. It may still be safe to eat.

The best before date only applies if you have stored the food according to the instructions on the packaging.

Food that has passed its use-by date is not safe to eat and should be thrown out.

Why are there no best before or use-by date on my food?

These dates do not have to be on foods that are not pre-packed.

Some food shops do not have 'best before' dates on foods such as fresh bread, fruit and vegetables to help reduce food waste. You are encouraged to use your own judgement. Read more about best before and use-by dates on Safe Food Ireland.

Read more about storing food safely and food safety in the home on our website.

When a food product is withdrawn or recalled

If a food business operator identifies a food safety issue with one of their products, they must:

Withdraw the product from the market

Recall the product if it has already reached consumers.

They must be able to:

Trace the food back to the immediate supplier of the food

Track the distribution of the food from their business on to their immediate customer

Withdraw unsafe food from the market

Tell you the reason the food is being removed, if the food has reached customers

Recall the affected food if it has already reached consumers

Contact Information

Food Safety Authority of Ireland

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IFSC, Dublin 1. D01 P2V6

Tel: +353 1 8171300

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More information is available on our website

Lucan Library – June Events

Adult Events in Lucan Library.

Regular Events:

No booking is required for the below events – all are welcome to attend! monthly.



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

Thursday 25th June from 10am – 12pm:

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group. New members welcome.



Saturday 20th June, 12pm – 1.45pm.

“What’s the Story” Writing Club!

A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club. **Tuesday 23rd June from 5.30.** All welcome



Additional Adult Events

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap:

Friday 19th June 12:00 – 1:00pm

Pop in to swap jigsaws, meet and chat with likeminded people. Drop off your used jigsaws and pick up a new jigsaw to take home. All are welcome.



New: Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:

Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on 15th and 29th June. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

Thursday 18th June, 3:30pm 3D Design Workshop for 9–12year-olds. Book on Eventbrite.

Monday 22nd June 6:30pm Pride Badge Making Workshop. Book on Eventbrite from 15th June.

Children's Events in Lucan Library Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite

Tuesday 16th June 4-5pm New Teen Book Club

Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Register at the library desk.

Tuesday 30th June 6pm: STEAM Session: Kids Coding (Scratch).

This is a beginners coding session. Suitable for ages 8+. Book on Eventbrite from 23rd June.



Saturday 20th June at 10:30am

Musical Tots. Book on Eventbrite from 13th June.



New: NY Book Club

Tuesday 16th 4pm-5pm.

Register with staff at the desk.

Neurodiverse Events:

Self-Led Sensory Afternoon

Friday 26th June from 12noon-2.00pm:

Sensory Space. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Suitable for babies and young children. Booking on Eventbrite from 19th June.

Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club:

Monday 29th June at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 24th June at 7.00pm

Read and Eat Cookbook

Club: Thursday 18th June at 10:30pm.



Little Library Bags are Back!

If you have a child starting school in September, ask for a free Little Library Bag.

Summer Stars coming soon!

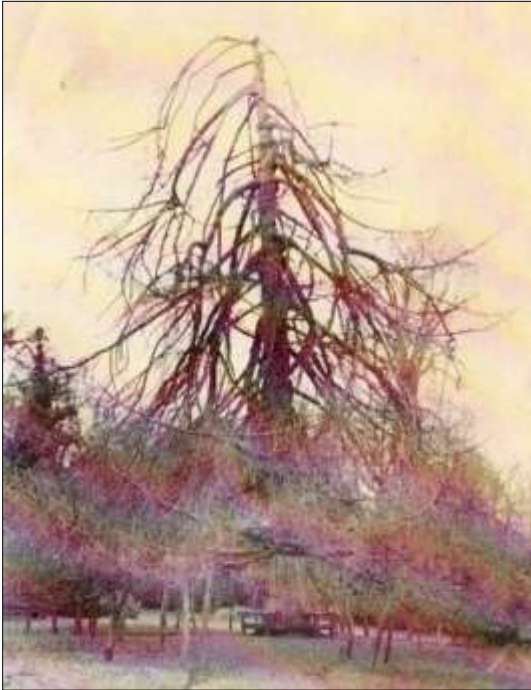
Ask for more info at the desk, spend all summer reading!

June Exhibition

From Hedge Schools to CAO Points:

Education in Ireland since the 19th Century 2nd-29th June

LUCAN FESTIVAL



The famous “Upside Down Tree” in Lucan Demesne was one of the attractions that enticed people to visit Lucan. A seat was provided around the tree to rest yourself.

The photograph was taken by Jane Shackleton c.1890s, and it still stood in the Demesne into the 1960s.

On **Saturday 5th September**, many attractions will be on display, including a historical display of Lucan House, with all the history of the families who lived in it.

There will also be Dinosaurs, Birds of Prey, Internation Food Fair with free samples, and many other displays.

Music and entertainment on stage from 1pm until late that night, when a **SPECTACULAR Fireworks Display** will finish off the day! See you there!

Return to Education Programme

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 (with the exception of Spanish for Beginners). This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

[Spanish for Beginners \(Afternoon 2-4pm\)](#)

Irish for Beginners

[Introduction to Computers Internet and Email](#)

English and Communications

[Career Planning](#)

Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills

[Web Design](#)

Payroll

[Customer Service](#)

Bookkeeping

[Behavioural Studies](#)

Work Experience



For more details, contact

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or call (01) 6283557.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 15th June:

Exercises with Sally 10.10am.

Business Meeting 10.30am.



Craft Group working on their own projects as well as knitting tiny baby jumpers for African babies as requested by the Dublin Federation. We have also been requested to make a collection for “Saoirse” the domestic abuse organisation.

April Showers bring bright May flowers... But what do June showers bring??

Answer thunder, lightning and hailstones...



Thank You to All the services that attended my accident on the 3rd December 2025. I am so grateful, a lady was first to me, I believe she was passing with her child in a buggy. She phoned the services and my son and husband from outside the Ball Alley Pub.

I say thank you, maybe you could ring me 087 6551728. Also, a paramedic who was meeting his brother for coffee. Thank you to all my neighbours and friends.

I am now home after 3 months in hospital doing ok. Thanks to you all

Bridget McMahan.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 4th June lotto jackpot of €13,000. The numbers drawn were **18, 20, 22 & 32.**

Lucky dips go to Laura McCaffrey, PJ Finnerty, John Maguire, Catherine Dardis, Cormac Gordon. This week's Lotto on Thursday

11th June will be for a jackpot of €13,400. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.



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

Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

The countdown is on as our Golf Classic is nearly upon us, and we're delighted to say it's a completely sold-out event. A huge thank you to everyone who supported it — the response has been fantastic.

Even if you didn't manage to secure a tee time, you can still be part of the day and in with a chance to win by purchasing a ticket for our raffle draw, which features lots of great prizes.

On the day, we will also be running a 2s competition, with all proceeds going directly to our charity partner, CRY Ireland (Cardiac Risk in the Young). CRY is dedicated to raising awareness of sudden cardiac death in young people, supporting affected families, and promoting cardiac screening and research to help save lives through early detection.

Your support, whether through the raffle or on the course, will help contribute to this vital work.



Summer Camps

Our club summer camps are filling up fast, let's not leave it till the last minute and book your spot before it's too late!!!

Cul Camps are fully sold out!!

Mini All Irelands

The countdown is on for our Mini All Ireland Series, and excitement is building fast around the club.

Team numbers are now confirmed, squads are being finalised, and preparations are well underway. This promises to be a fantastic week of hurling, camogie and football.

The week will all lead up to our big Saturday finale where you can expect plenty of action, fun, and a great atmosphere throughout the day, followed by celebrations in the clubhouse that evening. It's set to be a brilliant occasion for players, families, and supporters alike.

Make sure to come down, show your support, and be part of what is sure to be one of the best weeks in the club calendar.

Under 9 Hurling Blitz

It was a fantastic morning of hurling last weekend as our Under 9 boys hosted St Jude's and Cuala for a well-attended blitz. There was a great buzz around the pitches, with plenty of skill, determination, and teamwork on display from all three clubs.

Our boys showed excellent progress, with some brilliant striking, strong tackling, and great support play throughout the games. Most importantly, there was a huge emphasis on enjoyment, with every player getting well involved and playing with real enthusiasm. A big thank you to St Jude's and Cuala for making the trip and contributing to a great morning of hurling, and to all the coaches and parents who helped organise and support the blitz.



Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday	13-Jun	18:00	Pitch 1	Senior Hurling	AHL 1	St. Vincents
Saturday	13-Jun	18:00	John Paul II Park	Inter Hurling	AHL 3	Naomh Fionnbarra
Saturday	13-Jun	16:00	Pitch 1	Junior A Hurling	AHL 4	Na Fianna
Sunday	14-Jun	11:00	Pitch 1	Junior B Hurling	AHL 7	St. Pats Donabate
Sunday	14-Jun	12:15	AGP3	Minor C Football	Challenge	Clontarf
Monday	15-Jun	19:30	AGP3	Junior B Ladies Football	Cup Div 9B	Clann Mhuire
Monday	15-Jun	19:30	AGP0	Junior C Ladies Football	Cup Div 11B	Templeogue Synge Str
Monday	15-Jun	19:30	Pitch 1	Junior C Hurling	AHL 11	Thomas Davis
Tuesday	16-Jun	20:15	Pitch 1	Senior Football	AFL 1	Ballinteer St. Johns
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	McGee Park	Inter Football	AFL 5	St. Marks
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:00	Pitch 1	Junior A Football	AFL 6	Castleknock
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	AGP3	Minor A Hurling	MHL D1	Ballinteer St. Johns
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	Collinstown Lane	Minor B Hurling	MHL D4	Na Fianna
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	Shanganagh Park	Minor C Hurling	MHL D8	Cuala
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	Ballycullen	Minor D Hurling	MHL D8	Ballyboden St. Endas
Wednesday	17-Jun	20:15	Pitch 1	Inter Ladies Football	Div 2	Ballinteer St. Johns
Wednesday	17-Jun	19:30	AGP0	Junior A Ladies Football	Cup Div 4B	Naomh Mearnog
Thursday	18-Jun	19:30	Pitch 1	Junior B Football	AFL 9	Cuala
Thursday	18-Jun	19:30	AGP3	Junior C Football	AFL 10 B	Ballinteer St. Johns

New LGFA Rules:

The new playing rules will apply immediately to all adult intercounty championships at both provincial and national levels.

For underage intercounty competitions, the rules will not come into effect until 2027. This includes all juvenile intercounty championships, as the 2026 competitions are already underway, as well as the All-Ireland Under 20 Championship, which is due to begin shortly.

At club level, counties are not required to introduce the new rules for competitions that have already started, although they may choose to do so if approved at a county board meeting. However, the new rules must be applied to all U18 club championships that have not yet begun or are starting this month, and to all adult club championships in 2026, including those in Britain and Europe.

Separately, Dublin LGFA has confirmed that it will implement the new rules from July 2nd, covering all age groups from U13 through to adult.

LGFA NEW RULES QUICK GUIDE

FASTER SMARTER FAIRER

MORE SPACE ♥ MORE SCORES ♥ MORE FUN

- KICK-OUT MARK**
 - Catch clean from kick-out on or after 40m line
 - Raise your hand = free kick
 - Others move back 13m
- 3 v 3 RULE**
 - 4 players (incl. goal) in your own half
 - 3 players in the opposition half
 - Stops crowds, creates space!
- 2-POINT SCORE**
 - Kick from on or outside the 40m arc = 2 points
 - If it bounces over from there = 2 points (unmarked by your team)
- SOLO & GO**
 - Fouled?
 - Tap (solo) and keep going instantly
 - 4m of space - no challenge!
- DELAYING PLAY**
 - Fouling to delay play = big punishment
 - Free kick moved 50m forward
 - Could lead to an easy score!
- DISSENT BY TEAM OFFICIAL**
 - Backchat from the sideline?
 - Free kick on 13m line
 - Or take it from the 40m arc for 2 points
- PERSISTENT FOUL**
 - 3 non-technical fouls by a player = Yellow card
 - Keeps the game fair for everyone
- 45m KICK**
 - Must go forward
 - If fouled, choose:
 - ✓ Easy 1-point free
 - ✓ Or 2 points from 40m
- NEW TACKLE RULES**
 - You can tackle even if the ball is close to the body
 - Must hit the ball first with open hands!
 - Controlled contact only
- PREVENTING A COLLISION**
 - Use one or both hands to delay an opponent
 - Below shoulder height
 - No pushing backwards
- CONTROLLED CONTACT**
 - Body contact allowed to contest the ball
 - Must be fair
 - No excessive force
- SQUARE BALL (OPEN PLAY)**
 - You can enter the small square
 - BUT only after the ball goes in

PLAY SMART. PLAY FAIR. PLAY TOGETHER. ♥ #SeriousSupport Real Fun

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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St Ed’s Protest: I would urge people if available to attend the St Edmundsbury protest walk this Tuesday at 3pm. Please also contact Councillors regarding votes on all the major unsustainable rezoning proposals in Lucan, including Finnstown, Foxhunter site and the many thousands west and south of Adamstown.

Dáil Report: This week was a busy one in the Dáil, and I made a lot of contributions including on the Occupied Territories Bill, statements on promoting tourism, raising the use of counselling records in courts and seeking action on cigarette butt littering. I also spoke again on housing and fuel price reductions. My Dáil speeches are available on my website. There’s always a time lag getting them up, but most of my contributions from January to June are now posted up.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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Flooding Hillcrest: Works in Hillcrest are continuing following recent drainage and road issues. Council crews attended the area and removed debris causing a blockage in the surface water network. A specialist contractor has now been appointed to carry out a full CCTV survey of the drainage system during the week commencing 29 June. The survey will identify defects or obstructions so targeted jetting and cleansing works can take place where required.

Road Reinstatement Hillcrest: Separately, residents raised concerns regarding road reinstatement works in Hillcrest. The contractor confirmed the final section of reinstatement works is scheduled this week, weather permitting. Ramp reinstatements will follow, with all final reinstatement works across Hillcrest expected to be completed by the end of June 2026.

If you wish to discuss this or any other local issue, please contact me directly.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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All Lucan village businesses are invited to an informal briefing session on a new social media promotional campaign supporting local traders. This follows my successful 2025 motion calling for a supported campaign to boost businesses after village works.

Event details: Monday 22nd June, 10:00–11:00 Kenny’s Pub (tea/coffee provided). SDCC’s Economic Development team will outline the campaign, its reach, and how it will be delivered. Attendees will receive a promotional kit (window stickers, signage, etc.) and can take part in a short upskilling session on using social media promotion for their own future campaigns. This is also a valuable opportunity to network with fellow Lucan businesses and engage with SDCC. All village trader’s welcome.

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Extra Carriages: This week, at the Joint Oireachtas Transport Committee, Iarnród Éireann confirmed that it is their intention to add additional carriages to trains serving commuters in Lucan from the second half of next year. New carriages are on order for DART Coastal North which will free up carriages for routes used locally. I will continue to work on this issue.

Scoil Mhuire GNS: Congratulations to Scoil Mhuire GNS on their 130th anniversary. I was delighted to join Ms Bennis and the school community as they marked this very special milestone.

Sports Capital Grants: I will be rescheduling the Sports Capital Grants Information session with Minister Charlie McConalogue in the coming weeks.

Clinic: My next set of clinics takes place in Adamstown Community Centre on Monday 15 June at 1pm.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Rep.

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Lucan’s Municipal Film Studio: Ardmore studios in Wicklow made history as the first State owned film studio and Oscar winning films were made there including My Left Foot. Lucan in South Dublin County is due to make history with the first Council owned Municipal Film Studio 12th Lock Studios. Construction is due to start in the coming weeks - a contract was signed with Vision Constructing to do the works after its successful tender. The studio will be operated by 12th Lock Creative Industries and led by renowned film producer Gary Levinsohn. Film and TV production will happen there from next year.

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Flood Prone Areas: I have raised the issue of flooding at known problem locations across Lucan with Council management. Works are due to be carried out at the Esker/Newcastle Road junction to help address ongoing flooding concerns and I will continue to monitor progress to ensure residents see improvements.

USC tax: My motion to council management calling on the Government to abolish the Universal Social Charge in Budget 2027. The motion was passed and a formal letter will now issue to the Minister for Finance. The USC was introduced as a temporary emergency measure during the financial crisis yet workers and families continue to pay it despite significant cost-of-living pressures. With households facing rising costs in housing/childcare, energy/groceries it is important that the Government recognises these pressures and provides meaningful financial relief by ending the USC.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week Kay sent us a photograph of a ladybird that she found on her curtains. The members of the Camera Soiree had only recently commented that they had not seen much of this pretty creature in recent years. Ladybirds are actually beetle and, while the iconic red-and-black spotted pattern is well-known, there are about 5,000–6,000 species worldwide, each with unique patterns and colours. One ladybird can eat about 5,000 insects in its lifetime (up to one year) to the delight of farmers!



Kay also sent us a photo of Lough Owel, also known as Lough Ennell, water from which feeds the Royal Canal.



Anna got a nice shot of the Four Courts from the opposite side of the Liffey. Work started on this building in 1776 and when the original architect,

Thomas Cooley died, James Gandon was appointed to finish the task. The building was destroyed during the Civil War and in 1932 a rebuilt and remodelled Four Courts was opened.



Last week I referred to the fact that some of our members like to travel and this week Nuala has sent in some photographs of the Golden Temple, or the Golden Pavilion, in Kyoto Japan! It is a Zen Buddhist Temple whose top floors are completely covered in gold leaf. The original Pavilion is believed to have been constructed around 1400. The pavilion was burned down by a 22-year-old novice monk in July 1950. The present pavilion structure dates from 1955, when it was rebuilt.

Stay safe until next week!