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Have Your Say!

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:



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

What is the EU Migration and Asylum Pact?

The EU Migration and Asylum Pact is an agreement among EU member states on the rules for asylum and migration to the EU. These rules are set out in procedures and regulations for asylum and migration. EU member states must put in place legal and operational tools to implement the Pact by June 2026. Ireland signed up to be part of the EU Migration and Asylum Pact on 31 July 2024. You can read more about Ireland's implementation plan on our website.

Food Labelling

Product labels provide essential information about the characteristics of products you buy. Accurate product labelling helps you make informed decisions, use products safely, and understand what you are buying.

Irish and EU laws mandate that product labels be clear, accurate, and not misleading.

Why accurate product labelling matters

Education: labels help you understand the product's attributes.

Informed choices: Labels allow you to compare products based on facts.

Safety: labels provide instructions and warnings for safe usage.

Manufacturers must follow specific labelling rules. Some information, like cooking instructions on food labels, is provided voluntarily.

Food Labelling Rules

Food labels must include: Nutritional value, Weight, Ingredients, Country of origin, Use-by date, Allergen warnings. EU rules ensure this information is consistent across all food products. Additional rules apply to certain types of food that have additional requirements.

Fish

Fish and aquaculture (farmed fish) labels must state: Commercial and scientific name, Whether it was caught at sea or in freshwater, If it was defrosted. The European Commission has more information on the rules that apply to fishery products.

Organic Products

Products labelled organic must be certified by an authorised inspection and certification body. In Ireland, the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine has approved a number of organic inspection bodies. The rules for using the word 'organic' on food labels are set out in EU regulations. Only producers who follow these rules can use the EU organic logo. The Dept. has more information about organic labelling.

Fairtrade

A Fairtrade Mark means a product meets international standards for fair and ethical production and is independently certified by FLOCERT. Fairtrade Ireland has more information about the Fairtrade Mark. The Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI) has more information about food information labelling.

Alcohol labelling rules

Alcohol labels must indicate the alcohol strength if it is more than 1.2% by volume (ABV). New regulations coming into effect on 22 May 2026 will require labels to include calorie content, grams of alcohol, and health warnings. For more information visit askaboutalcohol.ie

What is a scam?

A scam is an illegal or dishonest scheme that aims to steal from or defraud people. Scams target people of all ages and backgrounds through various methods. Scams aim to trick you into giving away your money, personal or financial details and are becoming more sophisticated.

Scam Warnings

You can stay aware of scams using government agency warnings, such as those on the Garda website and the Department of Social Protection (DSP). More information on our website.

Lucan Senior Citizens

There was a great atmosphere in the Parish Centre on Wednesday last, being our last social here until September.



Agnes, Catherine and Philomena served strawberry meringues, and we finished the morning with a Gala Bingo.



Some of our members on a recent trip to the Arboretum Garden Centre.



Next Wednesday 24th June will be our last day until September, when we will have our social morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 22nd June:

We are busy knitting baby jumpers for African babies requested by our Federation.

We had a collection last

Monday for “Saoirse” the domestic abuse organisation and all the members were very generous with their contribution to this worthy cause.

Tea rota for Monday are Mary D and Mary C.

The members fondly remember Phil Burchael on her 2nd anniversary on 25th June.

Pauline.



Primrose Hill Gardens

Open daily 2pm – 6pm 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

Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre Company Limited by Guarantee will take place **Saturday 12 September 2026** at Ballyowen Castle Community Centre at 2pm.

The meeting will be to elect the Governing Board, approve the Income and Expenditure Account for 2025 and appoint Auditors to audit the accounts.

Feel free to contact the centre at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie and/or the Centre Coordinator at stephen@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie with any enquiries, including regarding room hire for events.



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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of



Margaret Kelly, Westmanstown, and to the husband, family and friends of *Joan Duggan*, Esker Lawns.
May they rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses
THIS Saturday/ Sunday 20th and 21st
Many thanks for your generosity.

Invitation

The Members of Aontas invite you to a **Special Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 5th July 2026**



at 7pm. St. Mary's Church Lucan.
Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

This Mass is being offered in sincere gratitude for the kindness, generosity and support shown by the **Parishioners of St. Mary's/St. Patrick's** in helping them with their fundraising to enable them to travel to the Philippines. Your encouragement and assistance have meant so much to us, and we would be honoured by your presence as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving. We will have some hospitality after the Mass in the Parish Centre.

**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

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.

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 **THIS 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.

Anniversary



Bob Kelly

15th Anniversary, 20th June

Late of Sarsfield Park

Remembering our dear dad.

No more you'll walk the village lane,

Past old folk flats and windowpanes,

Through the Square with measured stride,

Pressed trousers neat and head held high.

Sadly missed by all the family.

Mick Waldron

23rd Anniversary, 21st June

Deep in our hearts you will always stay

Loved and remembered every day.

Remembered by Carol, Gary, Kim, Marie, John.

Also his grandchildren Kellie, Mark, Sarah and

Daniel.



Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 30th August at 3pm

(Weather permitting)

New Hiking Club for Believers

I wish to contact members of the Roman Catholic Church. To inform you there is a new Hiking Club being set up for believers of all the Christian faiths in Ireland.

Have a look at our website and simply sign up to the "SMS alerts" on the homepage. That way you get notified of upcoming events automatically.

This is the website www.christianhiking.com

There is no better way to edify the soul than to walk in the beauty made by our maker.

I am at your disposal for any questions and telephone conversations if you wish.

John Boyle



Missionaries
of the
Sacred Heart
MSC MISSIONS

“Join the
Missionaries of the
Sacred Heart
Pilgrimage to
Fatima from the

22nd to the 26th September 2026 ex Cork and
Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr Joe McGee, MSC.
For more details ring Karen in Barters Travel or
email kcallaghan@travelnet.ie “

Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

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

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

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

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

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



What a great turn-out for the St. Eds Peaceful Protest Walk on Tuesday last!

Meeting at St. Eds, and proceeding to the Village, people came out in their droves, culminating on the Village Green where speeches were made (*See report on page 9 of this issue*).



In what was a very festive atmosphere, The Riptide Movement were awarded the Freedom of Lucan – wonder does that mean they can graze sheep on the Village Green – good luck with that!

Mid-Summer already! This Sunday, 21st of June sees us half way through the year. We can only hope that the best is yet to come, weatherwise!

Up the Dubs! They are still in it! Let’s hope our footballers can do it this Sunday against Donegal.

World Cup! We are getting into the swing of things this week. Even though Ireland are not there, we do have a special interest, having one Irishman, **Pico Lopes**, playing for Cape Verde! Birdie is getting behind this team!



Exams! The state exams will be completed next Tuesday 23rd June, with Japanese, Arabic, Politics & Society, Religious Education, and Applied Maths the subjects on the last day. Then all students can breathe a sigh of relief, and enjoy a few weeks of summer, before facing results and seeing what comes next.....



What happened here?

It’s been almost three weeks since this beacon appears to have got a bang of something – it has been reported, so whenever they come to fix it, the orange ball is just inside Tesco’s wall!

STOP means STOP!

At the junction of Hillcrest Walk and Meadowview Grove, we spotted a new STOP line across the road! Hopefully, this will make the junction a bit safer!



Well done to those who organised the event, and also to all who attended. We await Friday’s vote with great anticipation! Hopefully, **all** the Councillors will see sense.....

Millstream Road to the N4 might be another junction which needs looking at. As a very wide junction, even with an island in the centre, it is very difficult for pedestrians to cross here, with the high volume of traffic!

Lucan Unites for Peaceful Protest Walk Against Rezoning of St. Edmundsbury Lands

By Katherine Thomas

On Tuesday, 16th June, Lucan residents came together in a peaceful protest walk to voice their strong objection to the proposed rezoning of the historic lands at St. Edmundsbury.

Organised by the Save **St. Edmundsbury Committee**, founded by local advocates **Julieann Byrne, Lesley Jenkins, and Rachel Tuohy**. The committee successfully mobilised the community to come together to say No to the rezoning of St Edmundsbury.

The crowd of **over 1,000 residents** converged on the gates of St. Edmundsbury where An Garda Síochána, and volunteer stewards were on hand to escort them safely to the Village Green.

Speeches were delivered by **local schoolboy, Matthew Duff, local teenager Darci Hawkins**, and were backed by local businesses, local councillors Helen Farrell and Liona O'Toole and TD Paul Gogarty.

Overseen by local MC and comedian, **Alex Byrne**, local lads **The Riptide Movement**, currently celebrating their 20th anniversary in the music industry, received the "Freedom of Lucan" and closed out the event with an acoustic set.

Speaking at the event, **committee co-founder Julieann Byrne** said "We'd love to thank our councillors who have stood with us, every step of the way... what has happened over the last couple of months has been extraordinary and shows St. Ed's matters. The proposal to rezone St. Edmundsbury, breaks my heart. St. Ed's is more than land yet to be developed, it's a part of who we are, it's the lungs, it's the heart of Lucan. We are not against progress, we are not against housing, but development should enhance a community, not diminish it. It should protect the spaces that make communities healthy, vibrant and worth living in. It should leave something for future generations, not take it away. Today we stand together to send a clear message for future generations, for nature, for Lucan, we say not today, not tomorrow, not ever, not on our watch."

Addressing the crowd, Councillor Liona O'Toole said, "Well done to our young speakers earlier. This is for the future generations, we will fight tooth and nail to ensure that we protect St.

Edmundsbury's status as a high amenity area. Thanks to the Gardai for keeping us safe on route, the local printers and businesses that supported us. It's amazing to see this crowd here in our new Village Green, bringing people together, so well done everyone."

Councillor Helen Farrell agreed, "It's absolutely amazing to be here today. I'm very proud of my community and to represent you all. We are in the midst of a serious global climate crisis. There is a decimation of our native species, pollinator populations collapsing, and the loss of old woodlands across the country. The last thing that South Dublin County Council should be doing is recommending the rezoning of St. Ed's. They should be adding to it. It all comes down to the vote of the 40 councillors of South Dublin County Council on 19 June, and I think that 1,800 objections is very clear. The land is a rare and diverse landscape, with a wild and ancient woodland ecosystem." As the crowd chanted "Save St. Ed's!"

Local TD, Paul Gogarty explained, "Is áit speisialta í St. Ed's. St Ed's is a special place and there have been multiple attempts to rezone it over the years. I remember back in 1998 they tried to do it, that was only stopped by 14 votes to 12. They tried again in 2009 with a social affordable housing proposal and again in 2016, and it was kept as an amenity in 2022 - 2028. However, today we have a situation where there is over 4,000 houses worth of land proposed to be rezoned in Lucan even though we have 10,000 houses yet to be built with no guarantees on the Dart+ southwest, no guarantees of bus services, insufficient playing space, insufficient schools...It's absolute lunacy! In the coming days, please try and pressure councillors. St. Ed's is áit speisialta mar a dúirt mé, because it has biodiversity, it has heritage. These are sacred lands, this is part of who we are, this is part of the integrity of the Liffey valley and they should never be built on, ever! Hopefully our voices are heard on the 19th"

The **Save St. Edmundsbury Committee** invites all residents to take a stand, sign the active petition, and join the community's updates via WhatsApp or Facebook. The South Dublin County Council will vote this Friday, view the voting here online, this Friday, 19 June 2026 from 3.30pm: https://sdcc-public-tv.core/portal/webcast_interactive/1098745

Over 150 years attending St. Mary's Lucan – the Byrnes and their descendants

Background: A few weeks ago, I was telling Marie Peelo (*a very committed volunteer with many parish roles*) about my efforts to find more evidence on the location of the 18th century chapel in Lucan—*project on-going!* I told her about an 1839 newspaper article that described how the chapel ‘in the centre of the village’, built 100 years earlier, had become a complete ruin. I also mentioned that Helen Farrell (*wearing her SOL hat*) had located an 1836 map of ‘The Village of Lucan’ in OPW archives. The map shows the chapel on the site of where the **Schoolmaster's House** stands today.

Extract from ‘The Village of Lucan’ map dated 31 Dec 1836



The surprise: I was delighted to hear from Marie that her grandmother, **Mary Ellen Byrne**, had lived in one of the cottages that once stood behind the **Schoolmaster's House**, facing out onto the Lock Road and opposite the then forge. What's more, she has a photograph of her grandparents (*with 12 other family members*) on their wedding day, taken in front of the cottage in Lucan. What a treasure to have!



The photo: Marie's Lucan granny, **Mary Ellen Byrne** (b.1882) married **Daniel Harrington** (*a postman from Cork*) in St. Mary's Church, Lucan, on 11 September 1912 (*nearly 114 years ago*).

The photo shows the newly married couple flanked by her parents, Mary Anne Byrne (*née Crewe*) and James

Byrne. Behind them stands her older sister Margaret (b.1877) beside her husband, Henry Crewe, and some of Mary Ellen's other siblings, Joseph (1888), Alice (1886) Henry/Harry (1883) and his wife, Margaret (*née Moloney*). Marie must have inherited her style from this side of the family. I'm sure the bride and her sisters enjoyed shopping together for their very stylish hats!

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The four grandchildren in the front include young Jim Byrne (*son of John Byrne not in the photo*). A nice aspect of this family, borne out in the records, is how close they were. Young James, aged 8, and one of his cousins, Mona Crewe, aged 2, were actually staying with their grandparents on census night 1911. Margaret Crewe had a small baby at the time so the Byrnes obviously gave a generous hand with the childcare. Other census returns show that Alice Byrne was staying with the Crewe family in 1911 and, in 1926, James Byrne was living with the Harrington family in Inchicore—and he followed Dan into the same line of work! Speaking of work, Henry Byrne must have been enthralled by the forge opposite their home. His 1926 return shows that he was working as a blacksmith for Shackleton's Mill!

The 'over 150 years of attending St. Mary's' dates from the wedding of James Byrne (*baptised on 27 May 1855 in Palmerstown parish*) and Mary Anne Crewe who were married in St. Mary's Church on 17 April 1875 by Fr. James Hunt. The online baptismal records show that Fr. Hunt also baptised at least two of the children, Margaret in 1877 and John in 1878. James was a machinist when he married and, on his 1926 census return, he is shown as aged 70 and a cloth finisher in Hills Mill. In 1901, two of the children, James and Mary Ellen, were also working in Hills. Mary Anne lived in Lucan until 1920 (*her anniversary is 7th June*) and James lived until 19 December 1933, when he died in his home in Cannonbrook. There would have been many occasions for him to have attended St. Mary's in his nearly 60 years in the parish. And currently, Marie, their great-granddaughter is so active in the parish.

It's brilliant what the online records can tell us about our family history! This terrific photo shows three generations of one family. At this stage, there are three more generations and the family connections are as strong as ever—extending not just across Dublin city and county but further afield to Canada!

So, if you have an interest in tracing your own family, search for the photo albums gathering dust and check out what the 1926 census returns (<https://nationalarchives.ie/>) might tell you!

Mary Jackson
June 2026

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
lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie
or call (01) 6283557.

Education is the passport to the future,
for tomorrow belongs to those who
prepare for it today.

Society For Old Lucan (SOL):

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone.

Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.

Private Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*".

Website:

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Nearby Historical Trips & Tours to explore....

Primrose Hill, Lucan [gardens & house

exterior: At the top of Primrose Lane & a pleasant 2 minute walk from Lucan House gates. K78C1W9

2026 Opening dates: June 1-30, July 1-7, Heritage Week Aug 15-23, 2pm-6pm

Fee: adult/OAP/student €6, child free

St. Catherine's Park (North of Lucan)

Free. If you're in Lucan/visiting Lucan already, make sure to visit St. Catherine's Park on the Northern side of the Liffey in Lucan. More information on the varied opening hours here: <https://www.fingal.ie/directory/amenities/parks/st-catherines-park> During Summer months there are occasional markets on also. Free parking, toilets, playground and picnic facilities, outdoor gym, dog park.

Shackleton Gardens, Clonsilla

Free. Further on from St. Catherine's Park are the hidden gem of a 1.5 acre walled garden; just like a mini-Botanic Gardens! It has benches, picnic benches, a greenhouse to sit in and a small historical display with information. The Gardens are home to a wide range of rare and exotic plants including an important collection of herbaceous perennials, grown in large flower borders. The history of the Shackleton Family and their connection with the Garden is also of significant public interest. A large percentage of Lucan people worked in Shackleton Mills in the 20th century.

Opening hours are as follows: Monday to Thursday 10am - 4pm, Friday 9am - 1pm, Saturday and Sunday and Bank Holidays 10am - 5pm.

Free parking, toilets & adjacent to Beech Park Eco Farm (farm shop open to the public) and a very short walk to a large playground.

Colganstown House, Newcastle

Hazelhatch Road, Newcastle, Co. Dublin D22 PK16

Open: June 1, 5-8, 15, 19-22, July 17-20, 24-25, Aug 14-24, 28-29, Oct 23-26, Nov 6-9, 20-23, 27-30 Sat -Thurs 9am-1pm, Fridays 3pm -7pm

Fee: adult €10

The Old Glebe, Newcastle

Free. Upper Main Street, Newcastle, Co. Dublin, D22 H9PA

Open: June 1-30, Mon-Sat, Aug 15-23, 10am-2pm. Fee: Free

Kildrought House, Celbridge

Celbridge Village, Co. Kildare, W23 N9P2

Open: June 29-30, July 1-10, Aug 8-25, 10am-2pm

Fee: adult €10, OAP €8, student €5 with student card, child €5 under 12 years, school groups €3 per person. **No parking**

Leixlip Castle

Leixlip, Co. Kildare, W23 N8X6

Open: Aug 15-23, 31, Sept 1-6, 9am-1pm

Fee: adult €10, OAP/student €5, child free, no charge for school visits. **Free parking**

Moyglare Glebe

Moyglare, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, W23K285

Open: June 25-29, July 2, 20-21, 23-28, Aug 15-23, 8.30am -12.30pm

Fee: adult €6, OAP/student/child €3

Templemills House

Newtown Road, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 YK26

Open: Aug 16-24, 9am-1pm

Fee: adult €12, child/student/OAP €8

Castletown House, Celbridge

Castletown House is open for daily guided tours. The current opening hours of the parklands are 07:00 to 19:00. Silver Haven Coffee now open in the West Courtyard.

The grounds of Castletown House are free.

Tickets for house tours are available on arrival from reception. Please call the guiding team on 01 62 88 252, for the most up to date tour times.

Advanced-booked school visits are free. For the events calendar for Castletown, [check here](#). To access the OPW-Maynooth University Archive and Research Centre based in Castletown which collects, preserves, promotes and makes available for research archival collections relating to Irish estates., Telephone: 01-6544222 Email:

nicola.kelly@mu.ie

Lucan Library – June Events

Lucan Library Classic Film Club



Tuesday 23rd June from 5.30

All welcome

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.

Additional Adult Events

New: Irish Sign Language Conversation
Circle:

Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on 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!

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

Children's Events in Lucan Library

Please book events on Lucan Library/
Eventbrite



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.



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.



If

Little Library
Bags are Back!

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!

My Open Library is a
unique service that offers
extended Library opening
hours by allowing access to
registered My Open Library
members outside of staffed
hours.



How does it Work?

- You must go through an induction with staff before you can use MOL
- Once registered, you can scan your library card at the door to enter the library during My Open Library Hours
- My Open Library will let you enter the library between 8am and 10pm every day – even bank holidays.

June Exhibitions
From Hedge Schools to CAO Points:
Education in Ireland since the 19th Century
2nd-29th June

Koins for Kids!



“Koins for Kids” would like to thank the people of Lucan for their most recent donations and generosity to us, which resulted in €240 in cash and 42kg in coins of different denominations and from various countries. There were also a large number of foreign currency notes.



Many thanks also to the Lucan Lions Club for their very kind donation of €1,000 at the recent Presentation Night in the Spa Hotel.

Many thanks to one and all for your generosity.

Damien Douglas

087 9519222

Lucan Lions Awards Night at the Spa Hotel

Some of the recipients.....




Build for the Boys



Lucan Men’s Shed



Ger Moran got the Melvin Jones Award for collecting spectacles to be sent to third world charities.



MARYMOUNT
CARE CENTRE

CARING CONNECTIONS

'Supporting the journey of ageing together'

At Marymount, we host a monthly information and networking session to support Residents, family members and those in our community who are navigating the journey of ageing.

UNDERSTANDING DEMENTIA


This month, Joan Crilly and Aisling Halpin, from Marymount, will be holding an evening of insight on "Understanding Dementia". They will be giving a presentation on communication, visual disturbances and Dementia care for your loved one whilst providing support and guidance.

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

Light refreshments will be served on the evening.

Please note that places are limited to this free event and booking is essential.

Please contact reception on **01 820 4500** or email foh@mmcc.ie to reserve your place.



Thursday
25th June 2026
7pm – 9pm

(01) 820 4500
www.marymountcarecentre.ie

Westmanstown,
Lucan, Co. Dublin

Nature is wonderful!

One of our team spotted these two young Ladybirds having a feast this week!



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 9th July 2026**

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.

It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up.

*Vince Lombardi
Football player*

No one is perfect - that's why pencils have erasers.

*Wolfgang Riebe
Keynote Speaker/Magician*



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 11th June lotto jackpot of €13,400. The numbers drawn were **9, 16, 18 & 28**. **Lucky dip's** go to Alan McCarthy, Paul Heneghan, Rory Gilmore, Bridie Burke, Clandillon Family. This week's Lotto on Thursday 18th June will be for a jackpot of €13,800.

This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Limited and will be led by Edel Mooney.

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



Summer Camps

Campa Samhraidh – 8 spots remain.

Minor A Ladies Football

Our Minor A Ladies Football team received their Division 2 League winners' medals at a presentation in the clubhouse on Friday night.



The girls were joined by team sponsor Danny Kenny of Babble Deli, who presented captain Siena with her medal and congratulated the team on their excellent achievement. Danny also said a few words to the players, recognising the hard work and commitment

they showed throughout the league campaign. It was a lovely evening for the players, coaches, families and supporters to come together and celebrate a well-earned league title. Congratulations to all involved on a fantastic achievement.



Under 14 Eire Og Tournament

A big congratulations to our U14 girls' and boys' footballers, who both played in the Éire Óg Carlow football tournament over the weekend. The girls got the weekend off to a great start with a brilliant tournament win, showing superb skill, effort, and teamwork throughout. The boys followed that up with a tournament win of their own in the same tournament on Sunday, making it a brilliant weekend all round. Well done to all players and coaches on both sides for two excellent performances.



Mini All Irelands

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Mini All-Ireland series.

On Sunday morning, we ask that all cars use the overflow car park, as the main car park will be used as a holding area where children will meet their teams. Coaches will be in this area holding their county flags, making them easy to identify. Please ensure your child is brought to their coach in good time and arrives at least 30 minutes before their scheduled start time, ready for their matches. We kindly ask that everyone shows respect to mentors, referees, and players throughout the week to help create a positive and enjoyable environment for all.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to a great week of football, hurling and camogie.

<https://lucansarsfields.diginormous.com/>

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Political Notes

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

EuroClinic: Thank you to MEP Regina Doherty for hosted a EuroClinic in Kennys of Lucan this week. As Ireland prepares to take on the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, it was an important opportunity to discuss it and what it means for us.

Annual Lucan Millard Duck Release: Huge well done to Paul and David from Lucan Game Association where children got to meet the ducklings before they were released into the river at Lucan Village last weekend.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Phone: 01-6184128. Find me on Facebook,

Instagram, X and TikTok.

Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

St Edmundsbury: St Edmundsbury is a very special and unique place. It should be preserved as part of the wider Liffey Valley. I fully support my FF colleague Cllr Tanya McDonald's motion to maintain the current zoning. I argued for the same in my own submission which is available here(<https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/submission-on-proposed-variation-no-2-south-dublin-county-development-plan-2022-2028/>)and I will be encouraging my colleagues to back Cllr McDonald's motion.

Cathaoirleach nua ar an gCoiste Gaeilge: Is pribhléid dom é a bheith ceaptha ag an Taoiseach mar Chathaoirleach ar an gComhchoiste Oireachtais don Ghaeilge, don Ghaeltacht agus do Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge. The Irish language is an important part of my life, and I am very much looking forward to working with my colleagues on the Committee to promote the language.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

(085)2551602. CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Working to protect St. Edmundsbury:

Per my May Lucan Newsletter update, I submitted a cross-party motion, working in collaboration with Cllr Vickie Casserly, Cllr Joanna Tuffy, and Cllr Tanya McDonald, to reject the proposed residential zoning and retain the current High Amenity zoning. I worked consistently with colleagues in FG and cross party to oppose the proposed residential zoning and strengthen support for retaining the lands as High Amenity. The motion will be considered at the

Special Meeting of South Dublin County Council this Friday, 19 June. I will update you on the outcome following the Council vote this Friday.

Dodsboro Road: I confirm that yellow boxes are now in place at the junction of Millstream Road and Dodsboro Road following my raising your concerns at the January Traffic Management Meeting. Thank you to residents who raised the issue.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent Peace Commissioner

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Your Independent Voice!

Lucan Lions: Delighted to accept an award on behalf of the Adamstown Sister Shed at the Lucan Lions Awards. This generous donation will help support the group's work within the community. We are grateful to Lucan Lions for their continued support. Congratulations to all recipients honoured on the night.

St Edmundsbury: I was delighted to stand alongside hundreds of local residents at the recent peaceful protest to protect the St Edmundsbury Lands. The turnout demonstrated the strength of feeling within our community and the value people place on protecting this unique area. It was a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated committee whose hard work helped make the event a success and demonstrated the strength of community spirit. The peaceful and respectful atmosphere reflected the strong community spirit that continues to unite residents across Lucan.

Airport Link

Dublin Coach have a survey out looking for support for a new bus route from Maynooth to Dublin Airport in line with our idea we had out a few weeks ago. They are receiving great support for this idea, and it is very welcome. There are two changes that are in our idea that should be included in this route. 1. It should serve Lucan Adamstown railway station that would further our efforts to get all country trains to stop at this station. 2. That it should serve all the main areas along the route. Including Blanchardstown, Finglas and Ballymun. This is needed to make the route more viable, suitable and attractive, particularly for work access in these areas. This is a wide catchment area that the NTA should consider.



*Tom Newton 086 3127364
Lucan Planning Council*

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Next week will be the final session of St. Mary's Camera Soiree until September when we will reconvene to concentrate on our annual photographic exhibition which is scheduled to take place in the Parish Centre on the weekend of 21st /22nd November.

In this week's selection of photographs members have excelled themselves in their travels from Renvyle in Connemara, via Lucan, Spain and Malta to Japan. Nuala sent in an atmospheric photo of the sun over the ocean at Renvyle.



Irene took a trip to Spain and sent in some photographs taken in Jerez, which is in the autonomous region of Andalusia. The economy of Jerez has traditionally been centred on the wine industry, with exports of sherry worldwide. This year Jerez holds the title of Spanish Capital of Gastronomy.



Next, Malta with a shot from Nuala of the Blue Grotto in Malta.

Finally, we get to Nagoya which is located in central Honshu, Japan. Nuala has sent us photos of the silk painting in Hommaru Palace in Nagoya Castle. The palace is a reconstruction of the original Lord's palace, constructed in 1615. Unfortunately, the palace and much of Nagoya Castle was destroyed in wartime raids of 1945. Using Edo period plans and other historical records, the palace was restored in 2018.



Stay safe until next week!