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Sunday 22nd June 2025

Time to say goodbye.....

On Sunday July 6th I will take up my new appointment as parish priest of Celbridge / Straffan, Co. Kildare. I have spent the last 11 years in Lucan, and for last three of these years have served as parish priest of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's.

When I arrived in 2014 I knew very little about the place, but within a very short time I came to realise that I was privileged to be joining a vibrant and active parish community. I knew that I was following in the footsteps of many good priests who had served in Lucan over many many years, and in a sense, I was lucky to be reaping the harvest of what others had sown over a very long time.

What struck me then, and now, is the harmony that exists among parish groups. Many parishes can be dogged by factions and power struggles, but this did not feature in Lucan life. What struck me was the quiet way that each group, and individual, carried out their task in a spirit of cooperation and mutual support; this I believe is the key to a healthy parish life, and Lucan has it in spades. There are too many people involved in the parishes for me to single anybody out, but I must make mention of our Sacristans in both churches: their quiet selfless dedication ensures the smooth operation of parish liturgies and creates a spirit of welcome for parishioners and visitors alike. Thanks too to our florists whose creative art has elicited many a 'Wow' at the key moments of Christmas and Easter, with their magnificent displays.

Our parish pastoral council is a joint council for both parishes and this experiment has proven a great success, and has led to a great co-operation between the parishes. I thank the many people who have served on the council and on our finance committees during my time in Lucan.

The Music ministry is alive and well in the parishes, and I thank the various choirs who enrich our liturgical life throughout the church year; they have always impressed and uplifted my spirits. Both parishes have active Baptism and Funeral ministry groups and they have proven a great support over my time here. There are many others who give time and energy in the service of the parishes and I express thanks to them all.

One of the blessings of Lucan is the presence of Sr. Geraldine, her caring and attentive ministry to the sick and housebound over many years has been invaluable and its all done without fanfare, a life of quiet dedication!

I have been privileged to minister with fine priest colleagues in Lucan and I am grateful to each one of them for their ministry and support.

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The huge number of schools has posed its own challenge in the parishes, and I was blessed to have had the able and efficient Cathy Burke as parish Catechist for the past two years; she came at a time when I felt that I was beginning to drown and has done a sterling job ever since.

I feel a certain sadness taking my leave, but there's also the challenge of a new beginning ahead of me – so do remember to say a prayer for me in the future.

I will say my farewell Mass in St. Patrick's on Sunday 29th June at 9:00 am and in St. Mary's, on the same day at 12.00 noon.

A final thanks to the Newsletter team, they produce this wonderful newsletter all year round, and have been doing so for over 50 years! (and they don't look a day over 50!); that's commitment in action.

Every blessing and good wish, and thank you for 11 happy years among you.
Fr. Philip Curran

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

Adapting a home for an older or disabled person

You may need to adapt your home:

So you can continue to live there as you get older.
If you or a family member has a disability.

Some common changes that can help make your home more suitable for someone with a disability or limited mobility include:

Widening the doorways and passageways in your home.

Moving your light switches, door handles and doorbells to convenient heights.

Installing grab rails for support.

Adapting your bathroom facilities. For example, you might remove your bath and install a level access shower.

Moving your bathroom or bedroom to the ground floor

Installing ramps to replace steps.

Making sure that the entrances to your house, such as paths or drives have a firm, level surface.

Installing a stairlift or through-floor lift so you can continue to use all floors in your home.

Getting specialised furniture, like an adjustable bed or high-support chair.

Installing alert devices if you are deaf or hard of hearing.

In case of a fire or other emergencies, exits should always be accessible and you should not rely only on mechanical means (such as a lift) to get out.

Where to get advice about adapting your home

Before making changes to your home you should meet with an occupational therapist (OT). They will assess your situation including your mobility and your daily living activities. They will then suggest changes you can make to make your home easier and safer to live in. If you are a medical card holder, the occupational therapist may also be able to provide aids and appliances from the HSE. You can contact a public OT in the community care section of your Local Health Office.

Alternatively, you can hire an OT privately, as there can be a waiting list for the public OT service. The Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI) has a directory of OTs in private practice. If you get a grant for the adaptations you need to make to your home, you may be able to get back some of the costs of hiring a private OT.

You can also get advice from a public health nurse or physiotherapist

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C.I.C. notes continued.....

Getting advice from a Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme supports older people to live independently in their homes for as long as possible.

Every local authority has a Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator. The coordinator can complete a free home-based assessment with you to find out what supports could help you to continue to live independently. They then link you to the supports that are offered in your area from public, voluntary, private and community agencies.

A Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator can also provide information and advice on these topics – housing, medical, technology, community, energy and finance including housing adaptation grants. South Dublin County Council has information on these grants.

To access the programme you must:

Be over 65.

Complete a referral form.

You can refer yourself to the programme, or someone else can refer you, so long as you have given your consent.

Phone – 046 9032170, email

agefriendlyireland@meathcoco.ie

Call for Volunteers for Kids & Karers

‘Kids & Karers’ started in The Methodist Church, Lucan in the early eighties as ‘Mother and Toddlers’. This ‘pop-in play and meet facility’ has been going since, with the help of volunteers.

The Friday mornings have been/are a pleasure for scores of pre-playgroup children and their carers over more than 40 years. 27th June 2025 will be the last morning of this school year.

Unfortunately, because of personal circumstances, 2 of the 3 volunteers currently in charge, will not be able to return in September. However, the third member of our team hopes to continue the Friday mornings from September. She cannot do so unless some dedicated volunteers can join her.

What we are looking for is 3 or 4 Adults who have an interest in and have time to dedicate to this playful undertaking. This number would provide flexibility for the team members as well as continuity for Kids & Karers group.

If you, or somebody you know, would be interested and have time to run the Kids & Karers group between 9 and 12 o'clock on Friday mornings, in tandem with school holidays, we will be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Fíona Armstrong: 087 923 6172



Appeal to Residents Associations

As we said last week, with adjudication of the Tidy Towns competition under way, we can expect a visit anytime. Marks are awarded under 8 different headings.

This week we want to focus on 'Residential Streets and Housing Areas'. 10% of all marks are awarded to this section. The adjudicator will make a point of visiting a number of our estates.

We are encouraging local residents' associations to ensure that their areas are well presented, including estate-named stones in order to create a positive first impression.

Thanks in advance.

Kevin O'Loughlin

Chair

Primrose Hill Gardens

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

Open until July 4th
and also **Heritage Week**
16th August – 24th August

Open daily from 2pm – 6pm

Adults €6.00. Children Free.

Top of Primrose Land, Lucan.
Post Code K78L1W9



St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



Celebrating Fr Philip's Final Mass in St Mary's Church

Fr Philip has given 11 years of faithful and generous service in Lucan.

We gather to give thanks for the gift that Fr Philip has been in our parishes.

We pray God's blessing on Fr Philip as he goes to his new mission in Celbridge/Straffan.

Mass on Sunday 29th June at 12 noon.

Refreshments for all in Parish Centre afterwards.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!



St. Mary's Readers' Roster July

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 10.30, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

On Saturdays after the 10am Mass to 11.30am (funerals permitting)

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Christian Meditation:

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

*All welcome,
Sr Geraldine*

Legion of Mary:

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS

Saturday/ Sunday 21st /22nd June

Many thanks for your generosity.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

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

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

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

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

Aontas Choir

CAKE SALE

Sunday 29th June

**Following the 9am & 10:30am Masses
in St Patrick's**

There will be lots of lovely treats on sale.



Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MPMH Cenacle.

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

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

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

8.15pm Adoration and Confessions

8.50m Benediction. *All welcome*

Vocations Society of St. Joseph: We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members. *All welcome.*

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

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

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

Deepest Sympathy



Deepest Sympathy to
Mary Temple and family on the
death of her daughter and their
sister **Philomena**.
May Philomena rest in peace.
From Lucan Newsletter Team

Anniversaries



Micheál O Doibhilin

3rd Anniversary

**3rd Anniversary Mass is on Saturday 5th July
at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Lucan.**
"Death has a finality that is hard to process"

Mick Waldron

22nd 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.*



Birthday Remembrance

John (Johnny) Nolan

100th Birthday, 20th June

50th away from home

Daddy, you have been gone so long
But we still remember your birthday
It reminds us of all the best times we had,
And we sit and think for a while
About how much we shared.
We know you are keeping an eye
Over us in Heaven,

Happy Birthday Daddy!

*Loved and missed always Mary, Martin and Anna
and family.*



Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

Sunday 31st August 2025

At 3pm

(weather permitting)

*Cemetery Collection in aid of
St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown*

Workshop on Synodality

In view of the Catholic Church's ongoing Synodal Pathway, a special workshop on Synodality will take place in the Focallare Centre, Curryhills House, Prosperous, Co. Kildare on Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th June with an optional residential start on the evening of Friday 27th June and a standalone day event on Saturday 28th.

The workshop will explore the foundations and practical methods of synodal life in the local Church, including spiritual conversation, active listening and communal discernment.

Julieann Moran, General Secretary for the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland, welcomed the Workshop saying, "It will contribute to building a more synodal Church, one that listens, learns and walks together in hope." The initiative brings international insights to support our local journey toward a more participatory and missionary Church.

Cost: €160 (includes course and full board accommodation),

Saturday only: Registration €20 (with own packed lunch). Lunch available €12.

Booking:

<https://forms.gle/1haKNuZSxX8LpH5t6>

For more info: www.focallaireireland.org

Email: centroevangeliigaudium@gmail.com

Mobile (Sinead Cullen) 083 0539115



This September join the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart as we walk the Camino Frances. We will end this special

fundraising pilgrimage with two days in Fatima. Ex Dublin." Spiritual Director Fr Tony Horgan MSC.

For details ring Valerie at 021 4543988 or email Valerie.buckley@mscmissions.ie

Quote:

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains.
As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits.
As long as we have love, today is beautiful.
As long as you have God anything and everything is possible.

From the Divine Word Missionaries Calendar.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 23rd June: Today will be our last Craft Group meeting until September 1st. Like the song says, “*We’re all going on a summer holiday*”, whether taking your holiday break here in Ireland or abroad or even in your own home and back garden, we hope you all have a lovely restful time, hopefully we will get some more sunshine and warmth.



We will have our Midsummer Madness Party with nice food and goodies.

Tea Hostesses: Pauline and Mary C.

We will have a bit of entertainment and craic among the members.

We will also have our annual Fashion parade. We ask members to wear their favourite summer outfit, with prizes for the first three, judged by an independent judge.

President Pauline and members wish Deirdre and all the Parish Centre staff, and also Lucan Newsletter Team, a very enjoyable summer.

Pauline will have a very happy occasion next Saturday, 28th, when her youngest daughter, Marie Claire, marries Kevin Pardy, a fellow Lucanian. We wish Marie Claire and Kevin all the best on the day and a lifetime of love and happiness in their married life together.

Mary Curley.



Summer Solstice –

Midsummer came on us very fast indeed, but we look forward to the continued warm weather, and a little few showers at night time would be a plus – save watering the flowers!

Dubs x 2 this Saturday!

With the hurlers and footballers taking on Limerick and Cork respectively, we’re in for a brilliant evening of sport this Saturday.

Great for those lucky enough to get tickets! The rest of us will be glued to the telly! Fingers Crossed!

Work continues all over Lucan



Try as we may, it is still very hard to see the big picture. The photo above was taken just 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 10th July 2025**

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 25th June: Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30am to 2.30pm.



The world's shortest play....

The world’s shortest play, *Breath*, written by Samuel Beckett, lasts only 35 seconds, and was first staged in March 1970. No dialogue, or actors involved.



On a rubbish-strewn stage, with only lighting and a soundtrack, the play starts with the cry of a new born baby, followed by a 10-second intake of breath, and a 10-second breath out, ending with a short cry of a dying person.

Hardly time to sit down!

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.



Some of the club members who went to see Tina Turner the Musical last week.

They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are going to practice the moves for our next party.

We will be having our Annual Day Trip to Co. Down on 3rd July with a stop on the way for Tea and Cake, a visit to the Linen Museum, a visit to Bangor, the Outlet and Dinner on the way back.

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

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



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marylucannewsletter@gmail.com

Sport / Politics
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Parish Notes / Anniversaries
annalucannewsletter@gmail.com

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

Remember 10pm, Wednesday night is the weekly deadline.



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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



Baby & Toddler: Monday will be the final day for Baby & Toddler as we will take a break for the summer and return in September.

Active over 55's: Come join us on Thursdays for some active fun. Physical activity can be fun, social and a little bit competitive. The games are accessible and inclusive for all. Let's celebrate your abilities. The games will include Flisk (Disk throw) Malai (cornhole) and Scidils (Bowling). Thursday will be the final day for our Active 55's as we will be taking a break for the Summer.

Summer Project: We are delighted to announce the centre we be holding our first ever Mini Summer Project for ages 5–10-year-olds. It will run 14th - 17th July, registration will be at the Centre Thursday 26th June 7.30-8.30 cost will be €25 per child with limited spaces.

Volunteer's: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.

Adult Education

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

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners
Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)
Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills
Business English Language Skills
Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills
Office Skills, Business Administration
Word Processing (Advanced)
Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)
Payroll Using Sage Software

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

Lucan House & Demesne Masterplan

Released on Monday 9th June 2025

Reimagining Lucan House & demesne as a vibrant, inclusive & sustainable public asset
Adaptive reuse of buildings,
community/cultural
programming & access to natural spaces
Site-specific interventions responding to identified community priorities

Objectives

- Conserve & enhance key buildings
- Develop a cultural, civic & tourism hub
- Improve accessibility, circulation & landscaping

Strategic Approach - Connections:

Accessible & ecologically-rich corridor

Improve circulation & links:

- Connectivity-Royal Canal & Grand Canal
- Regional greenway potential: Lucan House, Lucan Demesne, St. Catherine's Park & River Liffey
- Pedestrian bridge: walking & cycle access with St. Catherine's Park
- 5 pedestrian/cycle gates & 2 restricted vehicle entries
- Bus stop integrations at main access points



Design:

Minimal intervention with natural finishes.
Pathway materials, local stone & riverfront character. Lighting & furniture to support year-round usability

Community Involvement

Everyday Use, Not Just Events, Inclusion & Access. Connected Green Infrastructure. Living Heritage. Vibrant Community Spaces. Balanced Transport Strategy.

Lucan House - Proposed Uses

Basement: kitchen services, water sport facilities, & storage

Ground floor: exhibition/event space

First & second floors: community/heritage, cultural/creative/wellness uses, meeting rooms, co-working, lounge area.

Accessible entrance hall and changing place facility

Outdoor Interventions

Accessibility: drop-off zone / disability parking at front entrance & ramps / level paths

Terraces & lawns: pavilion structure (200-person capacity) on rear west lawn & seating for passive use & cultural spill-out

Riverfront area: natural outdoor amphitheatre overlooking river

Boat Storage: architecturally light storage facility

The Stables

Repurpose stables & outbuildings into dynamic

cultural & commercial hub

Proposed & potential uses:

Ground floor: retail, café, media lab, artist studios, services

First floor: interpretative exhibition space, children's library, community/event rooms

Exterior layout & public realm:

- **Entrance plaza:** markets, festivals & pop-up events
- **Rear yard:** café terrace space
- Bicycle & pedestrian priority via White Gate
- Universal access with levelled surfaces & distinct traffic zones.
- Seamless connection to Lucan Main Street

Bath House

Structural conservation of stone façade

Pathway upgrades & lighting

Interpretation signage & some guided public access

Surrounds enhanced with natural seating zones, riverside greenway & picnic areas

Gate Lodges

Entry, community & security functions

- **Lodge 1:** community house with lounge, meeting room, accessible WC & storage
- **Lodge 2:** reception, four public WCs, changing places toilet, security office & canteen.

North Field

Key to sustainable access:

- 95-space carpark with ecological buffers (10-30m from river)
- Minimal hard surfacing to reduce ecological impact
- Amenities: picnic grove, riverside trail, forest play zone
- Path with native planting around wooded edge
- Main vehicular entrance through Black Gate, one way access with new exit.

Indicative Timelines & Costs

There is still much work to be done regarding these plans, and a further public consultation for approval of same.

Q2/Q3 2025:

Finalise masterplan & procurement for Part 8 & detailed design work.

Q4 2025-Q1 2026:

Part 8 public consultation & decision

From Q2 2026 (*Subject to Part 8 approval*)

Commencement of priority works including, fit-out of main house & lodges at Black Gate, landscaping, amphitheatre, recreational features & car/bicycle parking **c. €9 million**

2027/2028 (*Subject to Part 8 approval*)

Basement of main house, bath house, boat house, stables/outbuildings/plaza, bridge & west lawn pavilion **c. €11 million**

Total Potential Cost (including VAT & design fees) Up to **€20million**

Potential Funding Opportunities & Sources

- Fáilte Ireland
- Conservation Grants (DHLGH)
- THRIVE (Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme) European Regional Development Fund
- SDCC levies & reserves

IMPORTANT!

It is important to remember that this is not the final plan, as there will be a Public Consultation on it later this year.

Comment

We've published the content of the proposed master plan for the benefit of those who are not familiar with social media, so as they'll have some idea of what might be in store.

2025 to 2028 seems a very fine time line for the amount of work proposed, given the length of time it is taking to do much smaller jobs these days.

Nonetheless, there are interesting and exciting times ahead for this historic site.



Wildflowers of Lucan

Things are taking shape.....



The picture at Lucan Demesne entrance is becoming a little bit clearer now – apart from what we think is a ‘*Winning Post*’! Could it be that some great race will finish at this point?



There appears to be plenty of provision for seating, both along the roadside (*Oh for those fumes!*), and along the opposite wall separating this area from the woodland.

Below is the architect’s vision of the finished product, which should be ready for our enjoyment in September.....



Lucan Library – June Events



Saturday 21st June, 11am - 12.30pm

Creative Arts: Back to Creating with Varvara Gobash, artist and art teacher.

This free workshop is designed for anyone who wants to reconnect with their creativity, especially those who may feel hesitant to start drawing again or experience the fear of the blank page. Through simple, expressive exercises, participants will be guided to let go of self-doubt, explore their emotions through art, and rediscover the joy of creative expression in a relaxed and welcoming environment. No previous experience is required. Booking Essential from Saturday 14th June, 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/back-to-creating-tickets-1380400558229?aff=oddttdcreator>

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. **Wednesday 25th June, 10am.** Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1328440243529?aff=oddttdcreator>

Exhibition: Library Landing:

The Proclamation of the Irish Republic:

A typographical view. Back Walls:

Hues to My Muse:

An Art Exhibition by Satabdi Deb. A journey through life in colour, emotions and experiences. A collection of Indian Folk art and expressionistic style of work.

Lucan Library Knitters Club –

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group –

Thursday 26th June, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Classic Film

Club: Tuesday 24th June 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.



Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 30th June, 12noon. Wednesday Book Club: 25th June, 7pm. Junior Book Club: Wednesday 25th June, 3pm





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Planning Application for Club Development

As many of you are aware that we submitted a Planning Application (Application #SD24A/0165W) to SDCC in June 2024, for the Development of a double-sided ball wall with lighting and extension of our existing juvenile pitch to a full-sized AWP with lights.

In August of last year SDCC requested further information for this planning. Since August 2024 we have been busy compiling our response to the significant RFIs. Our response was submitted on Friday 6/6/25. As the response has been deemed significant, we have reposted our application in the Liffey Champion and site notices (at 4 locations outside the club). Our RFI response is now open to submission on the SDCC planning portal. We strongly encourage our members view the planning and input submissions supporting the plans. The plans and details can be found at <https://planning.agileapplications.ie/southdublin/application-details/66441>

Lotto

Congratulations to Lorraine Byrne who won our Lotto jackpot of €4,600.

The Numbers were **1, 12, 14 & 15.**

Lucky dip's go to Mary & Grainne O'LANIGAIN, Alan Power, Liz

Fitzsimons, Margaret Byrne, Colette Drum (SPOT PRIZE).

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,000.

This draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors.



Summer Camps

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Our July 7th and August 11th camps are already at 70% capacity. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link;

<https://lucansarsfields.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

County

Best of luck to Chris, John and the Dublin Senior Hurlers in the All-Ireland Quarter final this Saturday!

Well done to all of our juvenile players who represented Dublin across various age groups and codes over the weekend.

U14 Camogie – Trinity, Emily, Nora, Siobhán, Leah and Dearbhla

U15 Camogie – Maebh and Mia

U16 Football – Evan, Mossy, Daniel, Derry and Jack

Sports Table Quiz

Our senior and intermediate hurlers are hosting a sports table quiz on the 28th of June. Table of four for €40. Contact Paul Stapleton 087 205 8572 for more information.



Ladies Football

Congratulations to our U15 ladies' footballers who secured the Division 2 League title on Monday! A great achievement for the team and management.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Cuairt Oifigiúil an Uachtaráin CLG ar Na Gaeil Óga

Official Visit of the GAA President to Na Gaeil Óga



Thug Uachtarán an Chumainn Lúthchleas Gael, an tUasal Jarlath Burns, cuairt oifigiúil ar Na Gaeil Óga le déanaí, áit a bhuaill sé lenár bhfoirne óga agus le baill uile an chlub.



The President of the GAA, Mr. Jarlath Burns, paid an official visit to Na Gaeil Óga recently, where he met with our underage teams and club members.

Cuireadh fáilte chroíúil roimh an tUachtarán i Lána Tandy. Labhair sé linn faoin obair atá ar siúl againn i bhforbairt na hóige agus i gcur chun cinn na Gaeilge tríd an spórt.

He received a warm welcome at Lána Tandy. He spoke with us about our ongoing work in youth development and the promotion of the Irish language through sport.

Le linn na cuairte, bhuaill sé le himreoirí óga, tuismitheoirí, oibrithe deonacha agus le baill choiste an chlub.

During the visit, he met with young players, parents, volunteers, and committee members.

Thug sé ardmholadh don obair dhíograiseach atá ar bun againn agus do na luachanna CLG atá le feiceáil go láidir i gcur chuige Na Gaeil Óga – an pobal, an cultúr, agus an spórt agus ár dteanga.

He commended the dedication and passion shown in the club's work, and how the core GAA values – community, culture, and sport – are clearly reflected in Na Gaeil Óga's approach.

Mar chlub lán-Ghaeilge, bhí an áthas orainn go raibh an tUachtarán in ann a chuid dualgas a chomhlíonadh trí Ghaeilge – rud a chuir go mór leis an atmaisféar speisialta ar an lá.

As an Irish-speaking club, we greatly valued the fact that the President carried out his duties through Irish – adding richly to the occasion.

Léirigh an chuairt seo tacaíocht láidir CLG do chlubanna pobail atá ag feidhmiú trí Ghaeilge, agus d'aithin an tUachtarán an fás atá tagtha ar Na Gaeil Óga ó bunaíodhmár gcumann.

This visit reflected the GAA's strong support for Irish-language community clubs and the President acknowledged the club's continued growth since its foundation.

Gabhaimid buíochas ó chroí leis as a chuairt, as an inspioráid a thug sé dár n-imreoirí óga, agus an aitheantas luachmhar a thug sé dár gcuid oibre. *We sincerely thank him for his visit, for inspiring our young players, and for recognising the valuable work being done in our club.*

Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta 2025

Den chéad uair riamh, thaistil ár gclub go Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta chun tacú lenár bhfoireann sinsir ag tús an chomórtais.

For the very first time, our club travelled to Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta to cheer on our senior players as they kicked off the competition.

Oíche bhródúil, speisialta a bhí inti – go háirithe dár n-imreoirí óga a thaistil ar bhus dhá stór!

It was a proud and memorable evening, especially for our juvenile players who travelled in style on a double-decker bus!

Ba ócáid speisialta é don aos óg féachaint ar fhíorspiorad an chluiche ag leibhéal sinsearach.

A special occasion and it was a wonderful experience for our younger members to witness the passion and pride of senior football at this level.

Bhí deireadh seachtaine den scoth ag foireann peile na bhfear agus foireann peile na mban le go leor peil, ceol beo, imeachtaí cultúrtha agus craic.

Bígí linn don gcéad ceann eile!!



POLITICAL NOTES

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

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Dáil report;

An extremely busy week between Dáil debates and two Committees. Contributions included Rent Pressure Zones, the need for further regulations for e-scooters and the need for multi-annual funding streams for major infrastructural projects. I also highlighted transport issues, the State purchase of Citywest Hotel and contributed on EU legislation on the Enterprise and EU Affairs Committees.

Local issues:

Continued reports of antisocial behaviour by a small cohort. Please record if possible and email to Gardai. I will be following up on Taoiseach's commitments in due course... Have highlighted the farcical bus stop situation up at the revised road layout beside Kew Park... Also raised construction works taking place at unsociable hours... Highlighted flooding of the path in Griffeen Valley Park (near the new bridge, not overflow area).

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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Current Issues for Constituents:

I am currently addressing several issues with South Dublin County Council (SDCC) and awaiting their responses. These include faded road markings causing additional traffic congestion in Lucan village and Newcastle Road, rat infestations, blocked public wastewater drains, damaged public litter bins, plus gravestone surround. Additionally, I have answered constituent queries about the future of Lucan House, plans for Kishogue, asked SDCC for assessment of dying trees, and to deal with dumping and burning in Griffeen Park. SDCC's response can sometimes commit to an initial assessment, followed by saying action, if necessary, will be taken. This often requires follow-up. I am committed to keeping you informed about these matters, even if they have been pending for months. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns at the email provided above.

Minister Emer Higgins TD

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Funding for Safe Routes to School in Lucan:

Two Lucan schools, Scoil Áine Naofa and St. Thomas' Junior National School have each been awarded €20,000 under the latest round of the Safe Routes to School programme. The funding will go towards measures that help make it safer and easier for children to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Well done to both schools for taking part in the programme and for the ongoing efforts to improve safety and access for pupils.

National Carers Week:

Last week marked National Carers Week, and I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank and recognise all the family Carers across Lucan for the incredible work they do. Whether supporting a loved one full-time or balancing care with work or study, your dedication deserves recognition and support every day.

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

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Congratulations Lucan Drama on a sold-out

show: Three Tastes of Theatre showcased exceptional local talent — with powerful, polished performances making an unforgettable evening and a brilliant night out in Lucan. Great job everyone.

Doddsboro Road: Thank you for bringing to my attention that the fence was down, exposing access to the Tobermaclugg stream on Millstream Road. The fence is now repaired.

Pedestrian Bridge N4 at Tesco: Concerns were raised about overgrown trees obstructing the streetlight and reducing visibility for pedestrians. These trees are listed on the council's current Tree Maintenance Programme. The programme is ongoing, tree pruning works at this location will be prioritised accordingly.

Hillcrest Tree Pruning: I've received many queries about trees in Hillcrest. While not on the current programme, Hillcrest is added to the Draft 2026–2028 Tree Maintenance Programme. I'll keep you updated.



Farmleigh Food & Craft Markets

Sunday 6th July 10.00 am – 5 pm

Sunday 3rd August & Monday 4th August 10.am – 5 pm.

Saturday June 28th - July 7 10am – 5pm

Dublin Art Society at Farmleigh

The Dublin Art Society was co-founded in 1961 by Dorothy Armstrong and Kenneth Webb and has over 60 talented professional and amateur artists in their ranks.



1975 – 50 Years Ago

Top Books

‘Salem’s Lot’ Stephen King

Shogun – James Clavell

Tuck Everlasting – Natalie

Babbitt

Factotum – Charles Bukowski.



Average Cost

House – 9,450 pounds

Car – 1.765 pounds

Salary – 2,600 pounds p.a.

Bread – 16p

Petrol – 16p per litre

First Class Stamp – 7p.



Random Facts

Muhammad Ali defeats Joe

Frazier in the “*Thrilla in*

Manilla” boxing match in the Philippines, viewed live by over 100 million.

The Vietnam War ends with the Fall of Saigon.

President U.S.A.- Gerald R. Ford.

U.K. Prime Minister – Harold Wilson.

Eurovision Winner – The Netherlands.



World Population

4.07 Billion.

Top TV Shows

Faulty Towers

Porridge

Royal Variety

Performance

Doctor Who.



Hit Songs

Bohemian Rhapsody – Queen

Bye Bye Baby – Bay City

Rollers

Stand By Your Man –

Tammy Wynette



Movies

The Towering Inferno

Jaws

Monty Python and the Holy

Grail

The Rocky Horror Picture

Show.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last Friday members of the Camera Soiree were in Celbridge to see the annual photographic exhibition of the Celbridge Camera Club and we were reassured that much of our own work would bear comparison with the work produced by this top-class camera club.

This week we had some photos from food markets in France including gorgeous looking tomatoes and a colourful display of bottles.



Joe also caught an open-air art class in the Botanic Gardens on Wednesday.



Kay was in the grounds of Trinity College and sent in a photo of the Campanile which is a bell tower and one of the most iconic landmarks of the college.

The edifice was

completed in 1853. The Campanile contains a bell but the bell cannot be swung in the belfry as it is too large. Instead, it is rung by chiming.

Frances was in Westmeath and submitted a photo of the Gothic Arch Follie, one of a number of Follies in the grounds of Belvedere House and built as a mock entrance to the estate.

Belvedere House sits on the shores of Loch Ennell. The story of the enmity between Robert, the 1st Earl of Belvedere and his brothers, Arthur and George, and the treatment by Robert of his young wife, is shocking. You can read all about it on the Belvedere House website at www.belvedere-house.ie/the-follies/.



Until next week stay safe!