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It's Holiday Time Again!

I recently visited a friend who has a baby and a cheeky black cat. The cat came into the house first, so there has been a little power struggle as the baby has inbuilt determination, evident from the beginning! It is said that cats don't show their feelings on their faces! Not true! A cross cat shows that very state of being very clearly in its' face! They don't have a wide range of facial expressions, but they have the ones that matter most – the ones relating to defending territory.

On this particular visit, the cat sat up right facing the cross-legged baby! The cat sat very still with eyes fixed on the baby. The baby reached out to touch the cats head, which didn't disturb the fluffy fella. However, when the baby pushed the boundaries and pulled the cats whiskers, that brought the cat to raise his paw as though to strike. However, the cat's claws were buried in the soft toe beans. The baby got the message!

This time of soon approaching school holidays is an interesting time when boundaries are pushed and pulled in a different way to during the regular school week. It's a time to see how boundaries may have become restricted or stretched in each one's life in relation to one another since last summer. It's a time to check in with one another. The school year is very busy for every family so that it is often a matter of chasing on well-oiled tracks in auto mode much of the time.

Each of us unfolds in some new way in the space of a year, influenced by personal growth and experiences, age and opportunities. The change in any one of us, effects all with whom we come into regular contact. It's important to take time to be alert to the growth and change in self and others, so that boundaries can be reset if necessary, so that no one's paw ends up being held up in defence permanently! On the other hand, the paw might be comfortably curled under chest with attitude open. Either stance might change, but opportunity will be missed in relationships if time is not set aside to note how the jigsaw pieces of the people in family or friendship circle needs to be reset again.

Regarding the baby and the cat, both are continually learning and adapting to sharing space and even sharing some things! Sometimes, as the baby has become a toddler, the cat is taking more time on a very high shelf! Watching the interaction between very young children and domestic animals (closely supervised) is very interesting, as neither are concerned about the other being a different species to themselves, yet they find a way to manage being together!

Where leisure time can be found as family or friends during holiday time, the jigsaw piece of each person with different purpose but equal worth might be tossed back into the box before being realigned in good accommodation together anew.

Cathy Burke,

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Package holidays

What is a package holiday?

A package holiday is a holiday you buy at a total or inclusive price.



For the holiday to be treated as a package, it must include an overnight stay or last at least 24 hours.

It must also include at least 2 of the following travel services:

Transport – like flights, a cruise, or train or coach journeys.

Accommodation.

Other tourist services – like tours, excursions, guides, or tickets for concerts or theme parks .

Car rental.

What should I know before I book a package holiday?

Your rights depend on the type of holiday you book. Your travel organiser must tell you the type of holiday you're booking before you book it, for example, whether it's a package holiday or a linked travel arrangement (LTA). An LTA is when you buy 2 or more travel services from different companies under separate contracts, but which are linked. You have fewer rights when you book an LTA.

If I book a package holiday, what can I expect from the travel organiser?

If you book a package holiday, the travel organiser must give you clear information on different parts of the holiday. This includes details of what's included, the total price, transport, accommodation, meals, and any other important information.

Your travel organiser is responsible for making sure the trip matches what you agreed to. They must fix any problems and offer you suitable alternatives if something goes wrong.

Can my travel organiser increase the price of my package holiday?

Yes, the travel organiser can increase the price of your package holiday, but only if your contract allows it. Check the terms and conditions in the contract before you book. If the price increases by more than 8%, you can cancel without paying a charge. Your travel organiser cannot change the price if the departure date is within 20 days.

Can I cancel the package holiday?

Yes, you can cancel at any time before you travel but you may have to pay a cancellation fee. You may be able to cancel for free if there are extraordinary circumstances (like a natural disaster) at or near your destination.

Read more about your package holidays rights on <https://bit.ly/PackageHolidayRights> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or at Lucan CIC.

You can use the HSE Health App to find services

You can now use the HSE Health App to find a GP, hospital, primary care centre or urgent care service, even if you're not logged in.

If you're 16 or older, you can also log in with your MyGovID account to:

View some appointments, like maternity care and breast screening.

View some outpatient phone and video appointments.

Get reminders for cervical and bowel screening

View your flu and COVID-19 vaccine records

Keep a list of your medicines

Access your Medical Card, GP Visit Card, Drugs Payment Scheme Card and EHIC

You can download the app for free from the App Store or Google Play.

[Find more about the HSE Health App on our website.](#)

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 29th June:

Our last morning before the summer break.

We will have a game of Scattergories and lunch provided.



In July and August, those who are free can meet up for coffee and a chat in the Bistro, Spa Hotel on Tuesdays at 11am.

On 18th August we will have a committee meeting in the Spa hotel in preparation for starting back on the 7th September.

The members remember Mary Shanaghers first anniversary on 26th August.

President Mary wishes all members a happy holiday, plenty sunshine and rest.

Pauline

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**



Pride Service Sunday 28th June

Join us this Sunday in St. Andrew's Church, Lucan Village at 10am for our weekly Worship Service as we gather for Pride Month.

Together we will honour the sacred worth of all LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies through prayer, song and community.

All are welcome exactly as they are created to be.

LUCAN FESTIVAL

Interesting snippets from newspapers in the 1800s.

Where was this Chapel of Lucan located and where was this new line of Road?

You can find out by coming on the Village Historical Walk on Weds 2nd September at 2.30 pm.

LUCAN CHARITY SCHOOLS.
THE Governors of the LUCAN MALE AND FEMALE CHARITY SCHOOLS, accept this opportunity of recording their grateful thanks to the Rev. PATRICK COLEMAN, of Townsend Street Chapel, for his very eloquent and impressive Appeal in favour of the above Charities, on Sunday, the 4th of August, in the Chapel of Lucan.
They also beg to acknowledge the kind Donations which the following persons have been pleased to send them:—
Thomas Crosswale, Esq. 3l.; Robert Webb, Esq. 1l.; A. O'Brien, Esq. 1l. 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, 1l.; from the Hotel, 2l. 1s.; Captain O'Reilly, 1l.; from Soondries, 12s. 6d.
They likewise return their sincere thanks to Colonel Vesey, Thomas R. Needham, James Gandon, and Matthew James Plunket, Esqrs. who kindly assisted as Collectors on the occasion.

GAUNDERS. 24th AUGUST 1822.

TO CONTRACTORS.
MULLINGAR TURNPIKE-ROAD.
THE Commissioners of the Turnpike Road leading from Dublin to Mullingar, are ready to receive Proposals from competent Persons, for making a new line of Road at Lucan, in the County of Dublin, to avoid the present Hill.
Plans and Specifications of the Intended Work may be seen in the hands of D. SIMMONDS, Esq., Treasurer, No. 9, Clare-street, Dublin.
Security will be required for the due performance of the Contract.

THE EVENING TELEGRAPH 7th APRIL 1851

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses".

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

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

13th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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 6217041 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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of *Martha O'Toole*, Sarsfield Park.
May she rest in peace.



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

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.



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.

Summer Dues

The Summer Dues collection has begun. Envelopes are available to contribute in Church porches.

The Summer Dues collection was initiated during the pandemic to maintain the Common Fund that supports the clergy. This support is still necessary.



Thank you for your generous support of the clergy throughout the year.

Acknowledgement

Gerry Doyle

1st Anniversary, 1st July

Late of Beech Park, Lucan
and formerly of Whitechurch, Straffan.

Gerry's family wish to express their deep appreciation to all those who offered support, kindness and sympathy during their bereavement.

Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral, on-line condolences or travelled to be with us. Your comforting words or presence brought us great strength during a difficult time.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our heartfelt appreciation.

Gerry will be remembered at Mass on Sunday 5th July.



Cemetery Sunday

Esker, Lucan

Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 30th August at 3pm

(Weather permitting)

Farmleigh House

Farmleigh House is closed to the public this season while it serves as the Irish State Guesthouse for the EU Presidency.

However, you can still visit the estate for free outdoor guided tours of the grounds, grab coffee at the Boathouse, or explore the parklands.

Anniversaries

Ciaran Kelly

1st Anniversary, 3rd July

Late of Esker Lawns

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
*Sadly missed Mam, Dad and
all the Kelly family*



Christy McCormack

15th Anniversary, 28th June

Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts, you are always there.
*Always remembered by Kathleen, Neil
and Alan.*

**Anniversary Mass on Sunday 28th June
at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church, Esker.**



**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS
PILGRIMAGE - 26 JULY 2026
KNOCK SHRINE**

**CELEBRATING
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
& THE ELDERLY**

'I will never forget you' (Isaiah 49:15)



Photo credit: Sheela Molloy

- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of all Ireland
- Director of Music Una Nolan & Choirs
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallan
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession after Mass (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer Appeal for Grandparents, send or bring prayers to the CGA office at Knock Shrine
- Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

**** Please organise transport with your local parish.**



THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH
www.knockshrine.ie - Telephone: +353 (0) 94 938 8100



Things out of order.....

We still await maintenance on the 'flower bed' outside Spar in Dodsboro!



2024



2025



2026

Two years old this July, it appears it was let go to ruin from day one. We have mentioned this a couple of times in Lucan Newsletter, and at least two Councillors have informed us that the matter was in hand, and the Council were chasing up the developer. That was a year ago!!!

Why spend money on these things if nobody is going to look after them!

Nearby Traffic Beacon! As mentioned last week, one of the beacons at the pedestrian crossing into Tesco is broken, nearly four weeks now. However, Birdie spotted a fellow up on a ladder looking in to it the other day – still broken though!

Will we ever see the Weir Promenade finished?

With much work still to be completed at this site, you'd wonder will we get to see this year's Liffey Descent from the spot. Surely we couldn't miss 3 races!!!



Last Friday's SDCC Meeting! Birdie had a look-in several times from 3.30pm on Friday last, waiting for good news. Last check-in was around 10pm, gave up then and went to bed!

Fair play to our Councillors for having such stamina, and congratulations on great results.

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.

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

lorraine.kavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

or call (01) 6283557.

Higher Education was incredibly rare 75 years ago!

In 1951, only about 4,500 students sat the Leaving Cert., and only 7,900 attended university.

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, 29 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:



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/>



More nearby Historical Trips & Tours to explore....

Maynooth Castle

Free: Opening Hours - April - September 2026.

Monday - Sunday, including Public Holiday's.

10:00am - 5:45pm (5:15 Last Admission).

Guided and Self Guided options available.

For group bookings - Groups of 10 or more must pre-book in advance.

contact information - 01 628 6744 |

maynoothcastle@opw.ie

Due to historic nature of the building, access for visitors with disabilities is limited. No public car parking (Paid on street parking available) and no public toilet facilities on site.

Moyglare House

Moyglare, Maynooth, Co. Meath, W23 RT91,

www.moyglaremanor.ie

Open: June 1-30, July 1, Aug 15-23, 9am-1pm

Fee: adult/OAP €12, child/student €6

Mill Lane, Palmerstown

Start at the Coach House, Palmerstown at the top of Mill Lane (and stop off for a coffee or lunch in the historic building), then walk down the lane, back in time.

[Excerpted from Informatique Photo Collection on Facebook] "Despite its rich industrial, ecclesiastical, and architectural heritage spanning centuries, much of Old Palmerstown's historical significance remains hidden from public view.

At the junction of Mill Lane and the Old Lucan Road stands "the Coach House". While its name suggests its original purpose, it now serves as part of Stewart's Hospital, offering sheltered employment for individuals with learning disabilities. Nearby, a weathered milestone, likely over two centuries old, stands as a silent testament to the area's history, its inscription sadly eroded by time.

Continuing down Mill Lane, is another entrance to Stewart's Hospital, again barring public access. This unfortunately restricts exploration of at least one branch of the lane.

Past Palmerstown FC, the road takes a sharp left turn. Just before this bend lies a terrace of cottages built in 1885, remnants of the original Palmerstown Village. The end house is believed to have been the village tavern. A narrow path, May & Shanks Way, at its gable end leads to a gap (often obstructed) which provides access [to the medieval Stacgory Church]. The original Norman church was replaced by another (possibly in 1220), with the current ruins dating from around 1670.

The Liffey Valley at this point, offers captivating views, including the elegant white latticework bridge spanning the river. This bridge, commissioned by Lord Iveagh in 1881, played a crucial role in supplying water to his Farmleigh Estate.

Mill Lane: This historic lane takes its name from the watermills that once thrived along the Liffey in Palmerstown. These mills played a vital role in the local economy, processing everything from grain to textiles. Evidence of this industrial past can still be found in the remnants of mill buildings and associated structures.

Stewart's Hospital: Founded in 1867 by Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart, a prominent Dublin physician and philanthropist, this institution initially catered to orphaned and destitute girls. It later evolved into a school and residential care facility for children with intellectual [...] The hospital continues to provide vital services and support to this day. [Editor's note: Stewart's Hospital was originally founded in the building that is now the County Bar, Lucan (which first served as a school for clergymen's sons), as well as the same hospital possibly being located before or after in some of the houses at The Crescent, Lucan (behind the Spa Hotel.)

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS ANY FUTURE SOL EVENTS

Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>





Just a note on our recent trip to Malawi. (It is the 50th trip for Mary and 52 for me) and we are not getting any younger!!

On departure we were feeling it could be our last visit, but after a month there, we have a different view.

We stayed in the Capital Lilongwe overnight and travelled the seven hours north to Mzuzu the next day.

We have the same bedroom (in the Brothers' house) all the time but the difference is that the community now has up to 20. 1 priest, 1 doctor, students of all subjects, Mass every morning and evening prayers, makes it a lovely place to live, oh no cooking or washing up.

Harisen, our first employee, takes care of all our transport. We are spoiled.

My main focus was on the completion of a hostel, for girls, beside a secondary school where we support very poor girls. Boys who attend secondary school are supported by their families.

This all began when I saw where four young girls were staying, in a room between a pub and a brothel, sleeping on a floor, no locks on the door. Brought the tears back to me regularly when I remembered it.

Some girls who stay now live up to 12km away and walk over hills rivers and woodlands each day.

Thank God there are some caring and generous donors who supported us.

The building is now in place, built mainly by our workers and the women and mothers of the area. Bricks were carried for miles, sand as well while we supplied the cement.

We had the official opening two days before we returned home. We had the biggest Chief in the area and his wife and a range of lesser chiefs. We had a whole range from the

Education Departments, Newspapers, Television, with speeches coming from all directions. We were invited in for food and drinks and a walk around the building.

The building is amazing with solar panels, enabling the food to be prepared in a special oven. The water for the 3 showers is also heated from the solar system, as is the water for washing clothes. A very deep well was dug to provide the water, which is then delivered by a solar pump to the tank in the roof.

The dining room has 3 large tables and stools for eating and study. The Chief has agreed to provide land where food can be grown organically, where all students will be able to learn the processes. All excess energy will be used in the main school building of course.

Our other big task was to initiate women's Self Help Groups, where women come together and with their little savings set up little businesses. It is an amazing project, copied from India.

We travelled to the first gathering of about 80 women with all families a totally mad place until they then sat on the floor of a school building.

The organiser, Miriam, who came to us as a poor young mother who is now a qualified Primary School teacher and a leader in these Self Help systems.

She stood for 3 hours and gave outlines of the structure while the mothers, kids and babies sat on the floor listening and asking questions.

It was wonderful to watch and before we left for home how the groups were getting together on the ground outside discussing and planning. It was like a magic miracle with prayers and the odd song.

Now a month later there are many plans in place with our staff helping all the groups.

John and Mary Coyne
www.wellsforzoe.org

One for Sorrow, Two for Joy.....

Birdwatch Ireland receive more queries about magpies than any other bird. Some people love them, some people hate them, but everyone seems to have an opinion on them. So in the hope of improving the dearth of information about this undoubtedly beautiful looking bird, let us look at some of the basic facts about them.



The term 'pie' in the name is derived from the French, which itself comes from the Latin word 'Pica', meaning black and white, or pied. The scientific name of the magpie is 'Pica pica', a reference to its black and white plumage.

Where do magpies like to live? In Ireland the magpie is predominantly a lowland bird of open or lightly wooded country. Magpies prefer areas which provide the opportunity to forage on the ground, nest, roost and find cover. Magpies will inhabit both broad-leaved and coniferous woodland. In the recent past a notable development has been their spread into urban areas.

The magpie is a very social and conspicuous bird. It is normally observed in pairs or in family groups. However, it is not unusual to see small flocks or communal roosts. They are often seen close to humans and can appear to be quite bold, though always wary. Magpies have a 'confident' demeanour and may be seen strutting about with their tails held high. They will regularly take to driving off predators such as birds of prey or domestic cats.

It is true that magpies will take the eggs and the young of other birds in the breeding season. However, this predation is restricted to a relatively short period, for most of the year they take all sorts of other foods.

What is the history of magpies in Ireland? They were first recorded in Wexford in 1676, with a report of a flock of a dozen, flying in over the sea. Breeding in Dublin was first noted

in 1852. Magpies have shown a marked increase in numbers over much of the country since the late 1940s. A dramatic fall in the species population the late 1950s and early 1960s seems to have been a result of the use of a chemical in agriculture. (The chemical in question is long since banned). Magpie numbers have greatly increased again. There has been a notable spread into urban areas, and they now breed in inner Dublin.

The current Countywide Bird Survey (by Birdwatch Ireland) has revealed that the Magpie is the 8th most widespread species in the Republic of Ireland.

Superstitions associated with the magpie. Of all the wild birds the magpie is most associated with superstitions. However, most superstitions are based around the sighting of one bird on its own which is considered to be the harbinger of sorrow.

Hence the common superstition that it is unlucky to see a lone magpie and there are a number of beliefs about what you should do to prevent sorrow or bad luck of any kind. For example you could say "Good Morning Mr Magpie, where is your friend?" By referring to the magpie's friend you are implying that there are two magpies, which brings joy rather than sorrow according to the popular rhyme.

In parts of Scotland magpies are associated with witchcraft and you should make the sign of the cross to ward off any evil.

Other things you can do to prevent the bad luck which a lone magpie may bring include doffing your hat, spitting on the ground, or even flapping your arms like wings and cawing to imitate the magpies missing mate.

In this world-famous folk / nursery rhyme which is hundreds of years old an ancient belief that magpies were somewhat magical and could predict the future is clear to be seen:-

One for sorrow,
Two for joy,
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy.

Historical and Statistical Info courtesy of Birdwatch Ireland.

Lucan Library – July Events



Please Note:

All events and activities are free of charge.
All events are subject to change, but we will try to keep changes to a minimum.
To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. Booking through Eventbrite is essential for all events. Tickets are available exactly a week before the event.
Please cancel if you can no longer attend. Non-attendance without cancellation may affect your ability to book future events with SDCC Libraries.

Adult Events in Lucan Library

Regular Events:

No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

Every Monday 10am – 12pm - Lucan Library

Knitters Club, new members welcome.

Thursdays 9th July and 23rd July from 10am – 12pm: Lucan Library Creative Writers Group.

New members welcome.

Saturday 18th July, 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 21st July from 5.30. All welcome

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle **Wednesday, 8th July 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm**, will continue the second Wednesday of each month thereafter.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 16th July 6-7pm 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.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on 13th and 27th July.

Book clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs – new members welcome.

Monday Lunchtime Book Club:

Monday 27th July at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 29th July at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cookbook Club:

Thursday 9th July at 12pm.

Additional Adult Events:

Please book on [Eventbrite](#)

To Ireland with Love: Thursday 16th July 11am a music show that celebrates integration, culture and community. It features a Ukrainian women’s choir, live instrumentalists (piano, flute, and guitar) and a special guest Dutch vocalist. The programme includes a newly composed original piece dedicated to Ireland, alongside songs in multiple languages reflecting themes of belonging, gratitude and shared

cultural identity. The event is designed to be accessible and engaging for all ages and encourage connection and inclusion. Booking on Eventbrite
Style and Confidence for Interviews **Wednesday 22nd July 6:30pm** Book on Eventbrite
Saturday 25th July 11am The Blue Max film showing. Film will start at 11:30am sharp.
Book on Eventbrite

Children's Events in Lucan Library

Please book events on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Friday 3rd and 17th July at 10.00am: Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets twice monthly.

No need to book, all welcome.

Wednesday 8th July 10am Reflexology for Babies and Parents.

Thursday 9th July 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena for 9–12-year-olds.

A fun arts and crafts session.

Saturday 11th July 2pm STEAM Lego Freeplay

Saturday 18th July at 10:30am Musical Tots

Tuesday 27th July 5pm: STEAM Session: Circus

Skills Run away to the Circus with Aisling. Learn how to juggle, spin plates and ribbon poi. For ages 8+

Thursday 23rd & 30th July 3pm. Pottery session for children. Must be able to attend both weeks. Summer and the sea hand building pottery.

Summer Stars

The Sumer Stars Reading Adventure has launched at Lucan Library. Register to get your reading card to track progress and once completed submit it to get a lucky dip prize.

Book your Summer Stars events here on [Eventbrite](#). Eventbrite booking will open exactly a week before the event.

Saturday 4th July 11am. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Workshop

Saturday 4th July 12pm. George's Marvellous Medicine - acids and bases changing colour Liquids. Suitable for Ages 8 and over.

Every Monday in July 3pm Storytime

Tuesday 21st July 4-5pm New Teen Book Club

Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Please register at the library desk.

Neurodiverse Events:

Thursday 2nd July at 10am: Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Booking on [Eventbrite](#)
Friday 24th July 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.

July Exhibition

Edna O’Brien The Life and Times





CHARITY CAKE SALE

Sweet treats for a great cause!



**Join us at 1 Meadow View Grove
on Saturday 11th July, 11am-4pm**

Charity Cake Sale in aid of
The Gavin Glynn Foundation
and the incredible work they do for
children with cancer and their families.

**In memory of James Mulligan
Redmond**

Monster Raffle & Refreshments

This weekend in Irish History.....

26th June 1996 – Journalist Veronica Guerin was shot dead.

27th June 1963 – President John F. Kennedy visited his family home in Dunganstown.

28th June 1922 – the Irish Civil War began.

Listen in!

Abiola Oyadina, known on air as **DJ Fantastico**, proves that passion has no limits.

Living with cerebral palsy and using a wheelchair daily, Abiola overcomes mobility and vision challenges to host his very own radio show a dream he has carried since childhood.

Join him for AO Dance Mix on **Liffey Sound 96.4FM**, every second Friday from 3pm to 3:30pm, and experience the music and motivation he brings to listeners across the community.



Chicargo or Chicago! Chapelizard or Chapelized!

Why do so many people pronounce these placenames incorrectly?
Odds on, we all know someone who speaks like this!

SDCC Libraries
Local History Summer School
with historian Cathy Scuffil

4 week course exploring Dublin's past through a local lens

Dates: Thursday 16 July, 23 July, 30 July and
6 August 2-4pm

Location: County Library Tallaght
Places limited.

To book please email localstudies@sdblincoco.ie
or phone 01 4620073

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Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 13th June lotto jackpot of €13,800. The numbers drawn were 7 **11, 28 & 32. Lucky dips** go to Catherine Dard Joe Rooney, Jackie Foley, Cormac Gordon, Carmel Bellew. This week's Lotto on Thursday 25th June will be for a jackpot of €14,200. This



draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Josephine Donohue. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

What a fantastic day we had at the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic 2026! Despite some challenging weather conditions, spirits remained high and the scoring was exceptional, with some outstanding performances across the course. A huge congratulations to all our prize winners and to everyone who took part and made the day such a success.

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★ COMPETITION RESULTS ★	
1st	The Walsh Family
2nd	The Senior Hurlers - R Smith/C Dowling/C Keenan/M McCallum
3rd	The Dream Team - Spl Cronin
4th	Ray Cooke Auctioneers
5th	Randall/Kennel - Tim McGeath
6th	All Rooms - Damien Murtagh
7th	Anthony Dundy Team
8th	Eddie Kneigh Team
9th	Darren Lanzetta Team
10th	Drive On - C Duddy/C Ryan/W Duffly/K Kenny
11th	Pat Tisdall Team
12th	Quadracore
13th	The McCaffrey Family
14th	Savills

INDIVIDUAL PRIZES	
1	Longest Drive - 1st Hole - Gillian Ryan
1	Most Longest Drive - 1st Hole - Mark Greenwood
1	Longest Drive - 10th Hole - Angela Maguire
1	Longest Drive 18th Hole - Colin Keenan
1	Nearest the Pin - 9th Hole - Damien Murtagh - All Rooms
1	Nearest the Pin - 12th Hole - Alan Cahill
1	Nearest the Pin - 17th Hole - Jason Corbett - Marriage Celebrants
2nd	In Competition - 9th Hole - Ronnie Russell
2nd	In Competition - 17th Hole - Sam McDonough

★ THANK YOU ★
 TO ALL OUR SPONSORS, PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS
 FOR MAKING THE LUCAN SARSFIELDS GOLF CLASSIC A GREAT SUCCESS!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our sponsors for their incredible support, and especially to Colm Corrigan Builders Ltd, our main sponsor, whose generosity and commitment helped make this event possible. Thanks to everyone who contributed to our charity partner CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young), throughout the day, such a worthy cause. Most importantly, thank you to everyone who supported the Golf Classic — our players, sponsors, volunteers, donors and supporters. Your continued backing of Lucan Sarsfields is greatly appreciated. Finally, a massive thank you to our organising committee and volunteers. Countless hours of planning, preparation and hard work went into delivering such a successful event, and it would not have been possible without your dedication. Thank you all for making the Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic 2026 another memorable occasion.

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!!
Campa Samhraidh – 8 spots remain.

Mini All Irelands: The Mini All-Ireland Series has been brilliant to date, with great skills on display, fantastic weather, and lots of happy children enjoying themselves throughout. Jackie has been doing Trojan work in the shop too, with the ice creams flying out the door in the sunshine. Finals day is this Saturday, 27th June, starting from 10am in the 12th Lock. It's sure to be a great day of football, hurling and camogie, with hurley stands, Noctra glove stand, burger van, ice cream van, Cúl Siotars, frozen yogurt stand, craft stands and much more.

There will also be live music in the bar from 9.30pm, so we would encourage everyone to come along, support the event, and stay on for the night in the club. It promises to be a great day and evening for everyone involved, and we hope to see a big turnout!!

Academy: As we wrap up another great academy season, we want to thank all our young players for their fantastic effort, enthusiasm, and progress throughout the year so far. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break and keeps practising the skills they have learned along the way. A big thank you to all our coaches for their dedication and commitment, and a special word of appreciation to Alan, Ciara, and Donal for all their hard work and organisation behind the scenes. Enjoy the summer, and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

U15 Hurlers – Regional Féile



Our U15 hurlers gave a fantastic account of themselves at the Regional Féile. After a slow start against Bennettsbridge, the lads showed real character to bounce back with a strong win over Kilconieran, followed by a hard-fought draw against eventual cup winners Durlas Óg.

They carried that momentum into the Shield Semi-Final, putting in a dominant performance against Bruff of Limerick, leading from start to finish to book their place in the final. In the Shield Final, they faced Inagh Kilnamona of Clare in a game that went right down to the wire. Despite a narrow defeat, the team showed tremendous skill, determination, and heart throughout.

A brilliant display of hurling across the tournament — their families and everyone in Lucan Sarsfields are incredibly proud of them.



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.

Race Night on Saturday 4th July in the Clubhouse Bar, commencing at 8.30pm.

There are plenty of ways to get involved:

Owner, Trainer or Jockey – €20

Owner, Trainer & Jockey package – €50

Race Sponsorship

plus Programme

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€200

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€100

This promises to be a fantastic social night and an important fundraiser for our hurling teams. We encourage all members, supporters, families and friends to come along and support the event. For entries or further information, please contact Paul Stapleton ([087 2058572](tel:0872058572)) or any member of the Senior or Intermediate Hurling panels.



Paul Lyons
Academic Bursary

FINAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!

Just Days Left...
This is the final call for applications to the Paul Lyons Bursary. Don't forget you can still change your mind on the CAO applications up to July 1st.

You can still make an application for the Bursary, in advance of any pending offers from third level institutions, so for anyone considering this please make an **application now**.

This process will close in July.

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Lucan Special Olympics Summer Games 2026:

Congratulations to all athletes who took part in the Special Olympics Summer Games last weekend. Special mention to Lucan's Kate, Aimee and Elisha and Cara who participated. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers whose support made the event possible. The teamwork, commitment and spirit shown by all involved was incredibly inspiring.

Congratulations to the 142nd Dublin Esker

Scouts Girls Team: Well done to the 142nd Dublin Esker Scouts Girls Team on achieving the Gold Standard Award and taking home the Camp Spirit Trophy at the National Cub Challenge. A fantastic achievement reflecting their teamwork and enthusiasm.

Paul Gogarty TD, Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Lucan Loses out in Rezoning Votes but St Ed's and Finnstown halted for now:

It was hugely disappointing to see a majority of Councillors, some of them local, support additional large scale housing rezoning in Lucan when so many have yet to be built without any infrastructure guaranteed. Multiple land banks beyond Adamstown rezoned. Even Hermitage estate wasn't spared. Thankfully at least St Edmundsbury was halted for now along with the lands at Finnstown. These will go back on display so we will again need people power making further submissions. Many thanks to Helen for her great work last week.

Dáil Report: Raised the issue of non-payment of maintenance to mothers and hosted a presentation on family law court reform. Attended meeting with Minister regarding Lucan Community College extension.

Cllr. Caroline Brady, Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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St. Edmundsbury and Finnstown: At the Special Meeting of South Dublin County Council, I submitted a cross-party motion, supported by Cllr Casserly, Cllr McDonald (Fianna Fáil) and Cllr Tuffy (Labour), to retain the High Amenity status of the **St. Edmundsbury** lands. The motion secured majority support and the proposal to zone the lands for residential development did not pass. High Amenity Liffey Valley zoning remains in place. I co-sponsored a motion to retain the Open Space zoning at **Finnstown Castle**. The motion was supported 21 votes to 14. These decisions are material alterations to **Proposed Variation No. 2**.

They will now proceed to public consultation and are likely to return to Council for consideration later this year. I will keep residents updated. If you would like to discuss this or any other issue, please contact me directly.

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Love Lucan Social Media Campaign:

The new #LoveLucan social media campaign launches 29 June, promoting Lucan Village and supporting our local businesses. Businesses can receive free stickers, leaflets and promotional corribords by contacting

lboran@sdublincoco.ie. Please support by

following and sharing #LoveLucan content:

• Facebook: Dublin's Outdoors

• Instagram: @dublins_outdoors

The campaign follows a motion I brought forward in late 2025 to support village businesses after the public realm works.

Rezoning Update: Councillors met twice last week to vote on rezonings across South Dublin County. St. Edmundsbury and Finnstown were not rezoned for residential development at this time. However, rezonings at Adamstown, Tubber Lane and Foxhunter were approved despite my opposition. I will continue to advocate for infrastructure-led planning, green space protection, as well as tackling dereliction and unused city centre sites.

Magic Roundabout Traffic Black Spot

At the roundabout where Griffeen Avenue joins Griffeen Road where Bus route C1 joins C2, city bound, a few hundred yards from the outer ring road. This is a major traffic bottle neck especially during school terms. Now there is a new school built beside the existing school due to open shortly that will further add to this traffic problem. There is a simple solution. Build a new vehicle lane from the outer ring road using existing ditch on school side for the extra road space. The existing trees would now be in the centre of the road, with two vehicles lanes outwards towards the outer ring road and one lane inwards. With so many extra housing in the area a simple solution like this should not be ignored. Locals gave it the nick name of the magic roundabout due to the traffic congestion.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

Lucan Planning Council

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soiree met for the final time before the summer break this Friday. They will resume on Friday 4th September at 10.30.

This week Josie, Kay and Michael G submitted photos of some flowers in bloom in their gardens at the moment.



Kay also got a beautiful sunset from her niece's house in County Longford.

Joe got to Wicklow and sent in a photo of the start of the Round Ireland Yacht Race that took place on 20th June. The event, held every second year, was established in 1980 and today attracts entrants from all over the world. According the Round Ireland website, at 704 miles length, the race is significantly longer than the Fastnet, another biennial event the course of which begins at Cowes on the Isle of Wight and finishes, via the Fastnet Rock, at Cherbourg.



Nuala submitted more photos of her worldwide travels, this time from closer to home - a photo of a narrow street in Assisi, Italy. Assisi is well-known as the birthplace of St. Francis, who founded the Order of Friars Minor in that town in 1208, and of St. Clare of Assisi who, with St. Francis, founded the Order of Poor Clares in 1212. The

Poor Clares have been in Ireland for over 380 years. Assisi is also the birth place of a less well-known saint, Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Francesco Possenti) who lived from 1838 to 1862, an Italian Passionist seminarian canonised by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.

Stay safe until next week!