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Chatting with God During Lent!

A question that I am asked frequently in my job is what is prayer or how can we pray! Prayer is simply conversation with God and has most of the characteristics of communication as we use it with one another in daily life. Conversation/communication may be via chatting, writing, singing, dancing, silent accompaniment, story-telling, story sharing..... We each have a core way of communicating with our friends, with the communication being somewhat different with each one as the dynamics of two people come into play. What is important in communication with friends, is that we take the time to do so and do it in a way that works for both parties, sometimes with changes in pattern changing or evolving over time. Sometimes being silent together savouring the good company and sacredness of one another is the deepest form! The same is true re prayer/conversation/relationship with God. Just be!

We grow to know people through our shared stories, some from of old, some about other people and some from the heart of our own being. The story at the heart of our Christian prayer is that of scripture – stories of our God who reveals constant love, faithfulness, connection with us and unfailing presence with us. We truly grow to know God through the scriptures/bible where we hear not only about God, but from God, as each passage has a message fresh for us today.

There are numerous good resources to help us to engage in prayer to accord with the time of the year. The following might be worth your attention during this season of Lent. All are free.

Sacred Space:

<https://sacredspace.com> daily-prayer. Jesuit website giving Mass Readings for every day of the year. Reflections on the Daily Gospel. This website is a one stop shop which provides everything needed to aid prayer of scripture. Just take your time as you use it, and use as much or as little to guide your prayer. Remember, a quietened heart and time are the first and best tools

<https://universalis.com> Readings for daily Mass, incl. Psalm and Gospel for every day of the year. Includes reflection on the Gospel and describes an ART work linked to Gospel.

YouTube:

“Called to More”- 'Little by Little' with Fr. Columba Jordan CFR (Grey Friars)
Short weekly YouTube videos (5-9 mins) on topics relating to practicing our faith.

'The Chosen': Story of the Life of Jesus, closely following Gospel account.
Season 6 film series on YouTube, or download 'The Chosen' App.

NEW! On the ASCENSION App. 'CRUX' - all through 6 weeks of Lent 2026.
Scroll down to end of Ascension App to see the *Trailer* of this upcoming Lenten series. With Fr. Columba Jordan CFR (Grey Friars)

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

State of Caring Survey 2026

The State of Caring Survey 2026 is now open. If you care for a family member or loved one, you're invited to share your experience of caring in this 30-minute survey. Family Carers Ireland (FCI) would like to understand what it's like to be a family carer in 2026 and what supports you need.

You must be over 18 and living in Ireland, and caring for: A family member, Friend, Neighbour, Others (adults or children)

The survey is anonymous and **closes on 4 March 2026**.

You can find more Survey Participant Information (pdf) on the Family Carers Ireland website.

You can also find supports for carers on our pages payments and supports for carers and breaks and respite care for carers.

As a not-for-profit organisation, Family Carers Ireland support family carers and young carers through the provision of free emergency care planning, counselling, specialised training and education programmes, wellbeing support, crisis management, emergency respite/respite provision, advocacy, peer support groups, information on rights and entitlements and many other worthwhile initiatives.

Family Carers Ireland

Market Square, Tullamore, Offaly, Ireland

Tel: (057) 932 2920 and 1800 24 07 24

Homepage: <https://www.familycarers.ie/find-us/get-support> E: info@familycarers.ie

Grants to improve home energy efficiency

Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - SEAI

SEAI is Ireland's national sustainable energy authority which works with householders, businesses, communities and government to create a cleaner energy future.

You can get grants to make your property more energy efficient with the Better Energy Homes Scheme. Changes to the grants on the scheme are underway.

Since 3 February 2026, the maximum grants have been increased for: Cavity wall insulation. Attic insulation, Heat pump systems

From 3 March 2026, there will be extra grants for: Energy efficient windows and doors, Attic insulation for first-time buyers, Additional wall insulation.

People on social welfare payments to get an increased grant for attic and wall insulation. Certain SEAI grants will also be extended to local authorities and approved housing bodies.

Find more about individual home energy upgrade grants on our website.

Your Benefits and Taxes guide for 2026

Do you want to know the rate for a social welfare payment, how much tax you will have to pay or if you are eligible for free GP visits?

The Benefits and Taxes wallchart and booklet include up-to-date rates for: Jobseeker's Benefit, Illness Benefit, Working Family Payment, Universal Social Charge, Medical card and GP visit card

Check out the Benefits and Taxes wallchart (pdf) and booklet (pdf) on our website.

The Booklet includes information under the following headings:

Social Welfare, Childcare and Education, Education and Training, Health including means tests for HSE schemes, Housing and Tax.

School Term - Easter break 2026

All schools close on Friday, 27 March 2026, which is the final day of the school term (unless changes are needed to make up for time lost due to unforeseen school closures).

If a school needs to make up such time, it can shorten the Easter break by staying open, up to and including Wednesday, 1 April 2026.

All schools re-open on Monday, 13 April 2026.

Planning Objections

Dear Editor,

At the great risk of boring the readers further I have to alert people in Lucan that major new developments are proposed to massively increase housing in the area.



This would not be objected to if we had the facilities and the public transport links that one would expect in a European city. Lucan also needs an extra Liffey bridge.

Of particular note is an undemocratic decision by South Dublin to only accept objections by email. This will exclude large numbers of older residents. It is an attempt to stymie dissent.

Considering how the Council has wrecked the village green and constricted the traffic lanes which will hold up emergency vehicles in the area we must be ready to put in our objections.

The splitting of the old Dublin County was an unmitigated disaster.

*Tony Feeney,
Lucan Heights*

Lucan Drama – Open Mic Night March 16th

Following on from our great Open Mic during last year's Lucan Festival we are thrilled to be running another Open Mic in Courtney's of Lucan to celebrate our national day.



Are you a poet, singer, comedian? Do you have a dramatic monologue that you want to share or a great story that needs to be told?

If the answer is Yes to any of the above then why not get in touch with us @Lucandrama on social media, email us with your idea at lucandrama@gmail.com or visit www.linktr.ee/lucandrama

All are welcome and for those who are not drawn to perform then do drop down for a great, FREE, night in Courtneys Monday March 16th.

More details next week.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 2nd March:

Sally hopes to do some gentle exercises to music at 10-15am.
Business meeting at 10-30 am.
Tea Hostesses are Nuala Corbet and Mary Curley.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 4th March: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
New members welcome!



Koins for Kids

Koins for Kids would like to thank the people of Lucan and Lucan Lions Club for their recent assistance

in helping us raise much needed funds for our charity. 33kgs of various coins including €329 were donated for which we are very grateful.

To date over €7500 euro and a multitude of other currencies have been donated over the last 6 years.

We appreciate all and any donations of Euro and non-Euro coin or notes, which can be left in St Mary's Sacristy or St Mary's Parish Office, or by contacting the undersigned for collection.

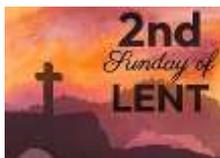
*Many thanks,
Damien Douglas,
0879519222.*



Parish Notes

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, Monday to Friday: 7.30pm

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Best wishes to the pupils of **Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada** who will be Confirmed this Friday 27th February.



Please remembered them in your prayers



St. Mary's Readers' Roster

March 2026: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of March 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: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

Confessions: After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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.

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.

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.

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

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 wife, family and friends of **Raphael Hemeryck**, Laraghcon.

May he rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 9th March

Mass at 6.15pm.

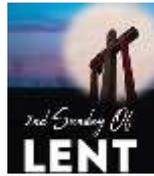
(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

During Lent Weekday Evening Mass will be in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Covering both St Mary's and St Patrick's.

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 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: 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

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: Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. Do drop in. *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.

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 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.

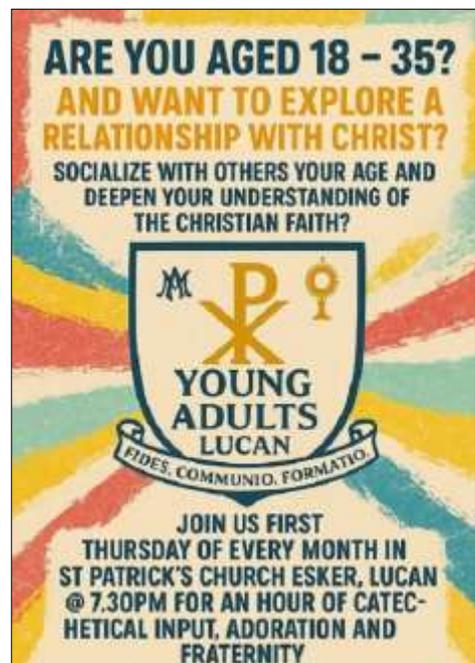
Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

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.

Divine Mercy Food Bank: Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

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

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm. *All welcome.*



NEXT GATHERING 5th MARCH

Deepest Sympathy

to *Sr Geraldine* on the recent death of her brother



Tom Smith

May he rest in peace.

From the Newsletter Team



Anniversaries

Stewart Dowling,
3rd Anniversary, 5th March

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you shall remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again
Love you and miss you every day
*From mother, father, brothers,
daughters, nieces, and nephew.*

Pat Keane,
2nd Anniversary

You are never too far away Pat
And as long as the music plays
It's as if you were here dancing with us
*Missed by Mary, Michael, Mark and daughter-in-law,
grandchildren and great grandchild.*

John Lally,
26th Anniversary, 20th February

**In loving memory of a dear Dad, Grandad
and Great Grandad**

A special smile, a special face,
and in our hearts, a special place.
No words we speak can ever say
How much we miss you every day.
To hear your voice and see you smile,
To sit and talk with you awhile.
To be together in the same old way,
Would be the dearest wish of ours today.
Dearly missed, forever loved.

*From your daughter Alison, partner Andy, Craig,
grandchildren and great grandchildren, Ruth,
Alisha, Caden and Koah.*

Neill Muldowney,
10th Anniversary, 26th February

It's lonely here without you.
We miss you more each day.
For life is not the same to us
Since you were called away,
To your resting place, we visit,
Place flowers there with care
But no one knows our heartache
When we turn and leave you there.

*Love always, Mam, Dad, Paula, Nicola, Liam
and families. xxx*



Acknowledgement

Sean Burke

I would like to thank all who have been overwhelmingly kind and supportive to me before and after the recent death of my father, Sean Burke. Every kind word, message, prayer, Mass and accompaniment is much appreciated by me.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered for the intentions of all concerned.

Cathy Burke

Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer

Through the generosity of our faith communities, parishes fundraise for essential financial resources that sustain the work and mission of the Archdiocese.

To support this vital work, the Office for Financial Development, based at the Dublin Diocesan Offices, works closely with clergy and lay parish leaders to develop sustainable funding strategies. The Office provides practical advice and guidance on fundraising, donor engagement, and income generation, including digital giving, grant applications, tax-efficient donor contributions, and philanthropic initiatives. In addition, the Office contributes to strategic pastoral planning by promoting creative funding initiatives that strengthen the Church's mission at parish, partnership and diocese level.

As part of its strategic growth, the Office for Financial Development is expanding, presenting an exciting opportunity to join a dedicated team committed to advancing sustainable funding models for parish partnerships.

The Archdiocese is looking for a dynamic and motivated Parish Partnership Funding Support Officer to facilitate strategic fundraising initiatives across parish partnerships. This role is central to helping parishes adapt to evolving patterns of giving and ensuring sustainable financial development.

To apply, please submit your CV and Cover Letter (maximum one page) outlining your suitability for the role for the attention of Cintia Mota, HR Administrator, at cintia.mota@dublindiocese.ie. The closing date for applications is **Friday, March 20, 2026.**

Full details including Candidate Booklet can be found at

<https://www.dublindiocese.ie/vacancies/>



Well, Spring might be about to be sprung on us! It certainly felt like it over the past few days, though we're not out of the woods yet.

Our Tidy Towns people have certainly been busy since last summer, and there is lots of colour springing up around Lucan at the moment.

Between Crocus and Daffs, we should have lovely backdrops for our local parade this year!



The site at the Demesne entrance seems

to be nearing completion, but we just wonder about a couple of the new features – that big arch! What is its purpose?



A seat with a view! Lots of seating on site, but who would want to sit here?

Car Parking Spaces! We also wonder about the low amount of car parking spaces in this area. There are 10 (including 1 disabled spot), across the road, and 7 along the Old Celbridge Road. 17 in all. Great if you live nearby and can walk to here, but if you have to come any distance, you better come early and take your chances.

Spare a thought for one of our readers in the USA!



Mary, in New Jersey, sent us this lovely photo during the week – nice to look at, but brrrrr.....

Library Knitters!

Another great creation from the local group who meet every week in Lucan Library.



Correction! On our 'Faces of Lucan' page in last week's issue, we got one of the names wrong. It

should have been Sr. Rosemarie in the photo, along with Fr. Denis Carroll, Joe Byrne, May Clifford and Eileen Floody. Apologies for the error.

Lucan Newsletter at 59! On Sunday 26th February 1967, the first edition of Lucan Newsletter appeared. We're getting old, but we must thank our Readers and Contributors who have kept the publication going all this time!

Please Note: ALL ITEMS for publication must have a name and address/contact number, not necessarily for publication. Otherwise, the item will not be printed.

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP

DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN
NEED! SUNDAY MARCH 8th
10PM-13PM – St. Mary's Church Car
Park



Help us to gather much-needed essential items for pregnant mothers and families with new babies around the country – just pick up a few extra items in your weekly shop!

Welcoming a new baby is a very special time in any family's life, but can be a challenging time for those who are struggling financially. Every donation you make will go directly to a family in need.

ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED

(NEW ITEMS ONLY):

Nappies – size 1 to 2, baby wipes, Nappy Sacks.
Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool.

Packs of sleepsuits and vests (newborn to 3 months).

Packs of baby hooded towels, Baby cellular blankets, Packs of baby bibs, Baby bottles.

Hospital bag items - maternity nightdresses, slippers/fluffy socks, toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple cream, shampoo, conditioners, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant.

Unopened Gift Items for Mothers: hand cream, lip balm, body lotion, cosmetic gift sets (no candles or glass items please)

Financial donations also accepted on the day.



For more information see:

www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold

its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel**, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

People's Art & Craft Fair

March 2026

Open call for artists and crafters to participate in this year's
"People's Art & Craft Fair",
Sat 28th and Sun 29th March

The venue is
Canon Despard Centre,
Chapel Hill, Lucan.

The fee for the 2 days for artists is €60 per stand, and €60 per 6ft table or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.



Please contact us at
peoplesartlucan@gmail.com
for a booking form as soon as possible as places will fill up quickly and we have limited space.

We look forward to hearing from you!





CHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraigh

School Tour: Forty 5th yr students and six teachers returned safely last week from a truly memorable six-day mid-term ski trip to Krynica-Zdrój, a picturesque spa town nestled in the Polish mountains. The journey began in Dublin Airport with an early morning flight to south-eastern Poland — on Friday 13th February. The group enjoyed a scenic coach transfer to Krynica, a renowned winter sports resort in the Carpathian Mountains. On arrival, students and staff settled into Hotel Zdrowie, which served as a comfortable base for the five-night stay.



The heart of the trip was a structured ski programme at Master Ski, one of Poland's leading ski centres. Each day included four hours of professional ski tuition, with students grouped according to ability level. Beginners built confidence on the nursery slopes, while more experienced skiers refined their technique on increasingly challenging runs.

However, the trip was about far more than skiing. Ice skating was a major highlight. Ice-skating was one of the favourite après-ski activities, with some students gliding gracefully around the rink, while others relied on the assistance of the famous training penguin to guide them safely around the ice!! Tobogganing was another firm favourite, where our bravest students combined speed and control with fearless enthusiasm.

Evenings were filled with laughter and friendly rivalry. The two pool tables in the hotel hosted

many competitive matches between students and teachers, while a visit to the bowling alley provided further entertainment.

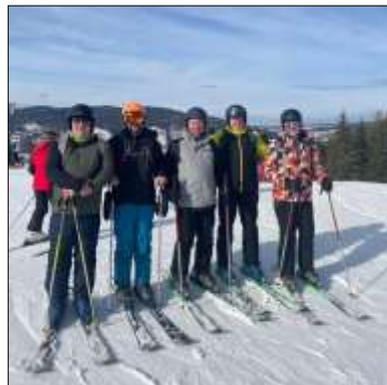
Students embraced the opportunity to immerse themselves in Polish culture. They were given a significant degree of freedom to explore the town in the evenings, mingle and interact with locals — and they responded exceptionally well to the trust placed in them. They were punctual at all times, turning up promptly for buses, meals and organised activities so that teachers were never left searching for anyone.

They also picked up useful Polish phrases including “Dzień dobry” (hello), “Proszę” (please), “Dziękuję” (thank you) and “Proszę bardzo” (you're welcome), which they used enthusiastically. A particularly special moment occurred when students overheard two adults conversing as Gaeilge in a local shop. The married teachers from Galway were deeply impressed when our students confidently engaged them in conversation as Gaeilge. Beatha teanga í a labhairt! (A language lives through being spoken).

On the final day, the group travelled to Kraków, one of Poland's most historic and vibrant cities. Time was spent exploring the magnificent Main Market Square, wandering through the historic Kazimierz district and admiring the splendour of Wawel Castle. The visit offered students the opportunity to appreciate the rich history and culture of this beautiful city — a fitting conclusion to an action-packed week.

Sincere thanks must be extended to the six teachers — Mr. Todd, Ms. Hunt, Mr. Flynn, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Canning and Mr. Dunne — whose dedication, vigilance and care ensured the trip was safe, structured and deeply rewarding.

This ski trip will be remembered for its snowy slopes, cultural encounters, shared laughter and unforgettable moments. It was a week filled with adventure, challenge and joy — one that will undoubtedly be talked about for years to come.



Report continued on next page!

Lucan Community College

Past Pupil Success: Congratulations to three students from the Lucan CC class of 2025, who have recently been awarded prestigious Entrance Scholarships from Maynooth University and University College Dublin. Yu Ma received the Maynooth University Entrance Scholarship, awarded to students who achieve 575 points or more in the Leaving Certificate examination. Alba Cooney Mercadal was presented with the Academic High Achiever Award from UCD, while Onyekachukwu Uwechue received the Cothrom na Féinne Scholarship from UCD. The school was also presented with two beautiful commemorative plaques as recognition of these outstanding achievements.



Soccer Success: Well done to the girls U19 soccer team who have secured their place in the Division 2 Regional Final after completing an unbeaten league campaign in style. They finished with an impressive 4–2 victory over Luttrellstown

CC, with goals from Reka Kiss Kalo (2), Ella McGrath, and Amber Brennan Corey. Well done, girls and best of luck in the final.



Coláiste Phádraigh *continued.....*

Hurling: Hard luck to our Senior Hurlers, who were beaten 2-21 to 0-16 by Coláiste Naomh Cormac, Offaly on Tuesday in the Leinster League “C” Final, held in Mullingar. Lucan hurled very well throughout, but the absence of four key players undoubtedly impacted the final result. Michael O’ Brien in particular, who scored 3-7 in both the Dublin League semi-final and Final, was a massive loss through injury. Aidan Doyle (0-5), Derry Ware (0-1), Brian Whelan (0-3), Páidí Murphy (0-5), Conor McHugh (0-1) and Dara Garrigan (0-1) got the team’s scores. The team can be proud of an outstanding campaign, with this defeat being their only loss of the season.

Our 2nd yr hurlers began their Dublin League group-stage campaign on Friday 13th February with a tough away fixture against a strong Oatlands College team. Lucan opened up a 2-5 to 1-2 lead by half time, but Oatlands were excellent in the 2nd half as they eventually won 8-4 to 2-13.

Soccer: Our u15 soccer team advanced to Dublin West League semi-finals on Tuesday after a dramatic 6-5 win on penalties against Kingswood CC. The game finished 3-3 at full time and 20mins of extra time failed to produce any further goals. Bobby Guy scored two of Lucan’s goals while Kanshen He equalised in the final minute with a headed goal from a corner. Finn O’ Sullivan scored the crucial winning penalty that secured a hard-fought victory for the team. They will play Coláiste Pobail, Setanta for a place in the final.

St. Joseph's College

Minor Camogie: Well done to our minor camogie team who had a great win in their second championship game against Loreto on the Green. In a tough game our girls played brilliantly and came away with the win on a scoreline of 3-5 to 1-3.

Senior Concern Debaters: Before midterm break our fantastic senior Concern debate team gave an outstanding performance against St. Gerard's, Bray - opposing the motion 'Significant progress has been made towards gender equality in the 21st century'. This week they found out they were victorious in this round of the competition and now progress into the last 16 of the All Ireland.

Mansion House and Leinster House visit: Last week, a group of 8 Flag Day students were invited by the Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation to help launch the Flag Day 2026 message on Dublin Bus for this year's Flag Day. Our school and St. Paul's CBS North Brunswick Street attended the Mansion House with the Lord Mayor Ray McAdam, Senator Mark Daly and many other distinguished guests, not least among them 102 Year Old Charlie O'Leary, the legendary FAI kitman who met the Pope alongside Jack Charlton during Italia 90.

Badminton: Well done to our Joey's Badminton club who had great success at our Under 16s Badminton Blitz in Adamstown Community College today. A special well done to Erin Eldho and Avanthika Hemanth who won the Spirit of Badminton award.

Gaelic Football: The U14 Gaelic football team won their first match on Wednesday. They had a great comeback in the 2nd half against Portmarnock Community School. This win now gives the team a great opportunity to progress to the knockout stages of the competition.

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Conversational Irish

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St Mary's Parish Centre

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Gaeilge

10.30-11.30a.m.
every Wednesday.

All are welcome



The theme of Flag Day this year is 'The Flag of All of Us' and it will be displayed on over 150 buses and Dart stations for the next month. The students were treated to a nice reception in the Mansion house, followed by lunch and a tour of Leinster House. On the 100th anniversary of women in the Senate. The students left feeling inspired by all they heard and saw.

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays,
in St. Mary's Parish
Centre, from 9.30 to
11.30am.

All Welcome!



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 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.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Eventbrite will open exactly a week before the event at the same time as the event starts.

Tuesday 10th at 6.30: **Mo Chréatúr Gaelach/ My Gaelic Creature:** Art workshop as Gaeilge for families, invent and build an original mythical creature reimagined for today! Book on Eventbrite from 03rd at 6.30.

Wednesday 11th at 6pm: **Irish Myths and Legends/ Finscéalta na hÉireann:** Imaginative bilingual storytelling event for all ages with Roisin Murphy. Book on Eventbrite from 04th at 6pm.

ADULT EVENTS

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

Monday 09th at 6.30pm: **Adult Chess Club** - all levels welcome, meets once monthly.

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

Thursdays 12th and 26th March from 10am – 12noon: **Lucan Library Creative Writers Group**

Tuesday 03rd March at 6.30pm: **Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults.** All levels welcome.

Saturday 21st March at 12noon: **NEW “What’s the Story” Writing Club!** Email Aine at Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie

Additional Adult Events

Wednesday 04th of March at 12noon: **Pop up Clinic for new County Development Plan.**

Tuesday 24th March from 5.30: **Lucan Library Classic Film Club**- all welcome

Felting Workshop with Martina Friday 27th March at 11am. Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 20th at 11am

Monday 23rd at 6.30pm: **A Talk by the Irish Astronomical Society.** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 16th at 6.30. Thursday 02nd April at 6.30pm: **Let's Talk About Fast Fashion!** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 23rd March at 6.30



BOOK CLUBS

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new member's welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday, 23rd March at 12noon. **Wednesday Book Club:** Wednesday 25th March, 7pm. **Read and Eat Cook Book Club** Thursday 19th of March at 10.30am

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Younger Children

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite Friday 6th and 20th at 10.00am: **Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group** meets twice monthly. No need to book. Wednesday 11th of March at 10am: **Reflexology for Babies and Parents.** Book your place on [Eventbrite](#) from 4th February at 10am. Wednesday 25th of March at 10am. **Little Wiggles for Preschool Tots!** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 18th at 10am. Saturday 14th of March: **Musical Tots with Karen!** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 18th at 10am. Every Monday at 3pm: **Storytime** – Changing to Mondays. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite from each previous Monday at 3pm.

Older Children

Thursday 05th March for 6-8 at 3.30pm: **Art and Creativity with Elena for 6-8.** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 26th of February
Thursday 12th March for 9-12 at 3.30pm: **Art and Creativity with Elena 9-12.** Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 26th of February
Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 2pm: **Illustration Workshop with Olla for ages 8-12.** 4 Week course, participants are kindly asked to attend all 4 days. Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 28th of February at 2pm.



Neurodiverse Events

Thursday 12th March at 10am: **Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children** with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Book on [Eventbrite](#) from 26th of February.

EXHIBITIONS

From Darndale to New York Aer Lingus Exhibition.
Swinging Sixties Fashion Exhibition



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We're back after midterm and thrilled to see all our classes running at **full capacity!** It's been wonderful to witness so many women learning, creating, and connecting across our programmes this term.

Current Programmes:

Monday (Adamstown): Conversation Club – a lively space for discussion and connection

Tuesday: AI for Good, Spring into Crafts, 60's & Loving Life Social Group – combining creativity, learning, and socialising

Wednesday: Chair Yoga, Restorative Yoga, Mixed Crafts Adamstown, 55's & Thriving Social Group – all focused on wellbeing, friendship, and creativity

Thursday: Love Begins Within Louise Hay Workshop – personal growth, self-care, and empowerment.

We are also proud to announce the launch of Lucan's first ever Domestic Violence Counselling & Recovery Programme, offering vital support and guidance for women in our community. Please help us spread the word by sharing this with all the women you know, it could make a real difference.

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International Women's Day Event 2026

GIVE TO GAIN, She Gives, She Grows.

Lets Pause, Paint & Flourish Together

Twin Soul Meditation with Catherine Mc Kerro

Claim Your Canvas Painting workshop

2 course Lunch

Live Music

Hosted by WCI LUCAN

Join us at Carroll's Gastro Pub
Friday 6th March 10.30am-
2.30pm

Only €25per
Ticket

All materials
provided

GET IN TOUCH TO BOOK AS SPACES ARE LIMITED
Email: lucan@womenscollective.ie
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Save the Date International Women's Day 2026: Following the success of our Nollaig na mBan celebration, we are delighted to host a special **International Women's Day** event at Carroll's Gastro Pub. Join us on Friday the 6th March for an inspiring morning & Afternoon celebrating women, community, and connection. See the attached poster for all the details — this is one event you won't want to miss!

Looking Ahead: All current classes are full, but a new term will begin after Easter, bringing fresh opportunities to join our programmes. Keep an eye out for announcements about upcoming Masterclasses and workshops!

A heartfelt thank you to the women of Lucan and the surrounding areas for your continued support, energy, and engagement — you are what makes this community so special.

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DOORS: 7.15 P.M. / SHOW 8.00P.M.

Tickets will be on sale on Saturday following the 6:30pm Mass in St Mary's Church. And on Sunday after 9am Mass in St Patrick's Church as well as after 10:30am and 12pm Masses in St Mary's Church. Tickets are also available from the parish offices.

Alternatively, please email aontaschoir@gmail.com or contact 0871930674 to secure a ticket.

All support on the night would be greatly appreciated as we step outside our comfort zones. This performance will not disappoint! Full bar at the venue, for anyone who is feeling thirsty!



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,000. The Numbers were **4, 6, 15 & 16.**

Lucky dips go to Lorraine Byrne, Donal Downes, Lee Tormey, C.J. Smith and Kathleen Roche. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,400. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Seamus Clandillon.

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



Adult Football

Our adult teams got their League action underway this week with a couple of games beating the weather. Our Senior Footballers lost out to a strong St Pats of Donabate team, whereas our Intermediate footballers had a great win over Ballyboden St Enda's to start the season with a bang. Please see match report below:

Lucan Sarsfields 3-16 (1-4)

Ballyboden St. Enda's 2-11 (2-8)

Lucan: Conor O'Flynn; Cormac Porter (C), Rian Carey, Eoin Seery; Luke Murphy, Owen Ennis, Ryan Quinn; Tim Bradley (0-1), Cormac Coffey (0-1); Cian McHugh (0-1), Brendan Gallagher (0-5), Oisín Ryan (1-1); Adam Rock (0-2), Donal Smith (1-3), Tommy Mulhall.

Subs: Sean Flynn (30m), Oscar Nolan (35m, 0-2), Oisín Doherty (45m, 1-0), Brendan Kavanagh, Cian O'Gara, Donal Colfer, Noel Flynn, Luca Kavanagh, Tony Mulqueen.

This early-season clash lived up to the "game of two halves" cliché, with gale-force conditions shaping the contest. In total, 4-20 was scored at one end and just 1-7 at the other. Ballyboden had the wind at their backs in the opening period and made it count. After Lucan controlled early possession but only had a Tim Bradley point to show for it, Boden hit two quick goals in three minutes to move firmly into the driving seat. Their physical presence in midfield and sharp support runners helped them turn pressure into scores, leaving Lucan nine points adrift by the first water break. Lucan gradually began to settle. Donal Smith's precise finish to the bottom corner got them moving, while Brendan Gallagher and Cormac Coffey added fine points into the wind, showing real composure. At half-time the margin was still significant, but momentum had begun to turn and belief was visibly growing among the Lucan players. A single defensive switch and some encouragement at the break proved enough.



While Boden initially extended their lead early in the second half, Lucan soon took control. Between the 8th and 14th minutes, they hit five unanswered points through McHugh, Nolan, Ryan and Rock, the latter nailing a spectacular long-range effort. When Oisín Doherty entered the fray, he quickly made an impact — his driven shot was saved, but Oisín Ryan reacted fastest to bury the rebound and put Lucan in front. From there, Lucan pushed on relentlessly. Doherty soon added a magnificent individual goal, and Gallagher, Smith and Nolan kept the scoreboard moving. In defence, Carey, Murphy, Ennis and captain Porter stood firm, while keeper Conor O'Flynn's kickouts continually found their men under pressure. A fine all-round team performance featuring grit, patience, and a flourish of attacking quality — a great start to 2026 for Lucan Sarsfields.

Membership:

2026 membership renewal is open at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club! Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st, so let's get everyone set up for another great year. Please see previous notes on ClubZap for procedures on how you can renew.

Easter Camps:

Our Easter Camps will run from 7th to 10th April 2026, 10am–2pm each day. Please book now as there are only a few spots remaining!! Check out ClubZap and our socials on how to book!!

Club Pitches:

The grass pitches remain closed, including the surrounding areas. We kindly ask everyone to stay off these pitches to help protect the surfaces and ensure they are ready for play once conditions allow. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support on this matter.

25 Card Drive

Date: Fridays until 8th May 2026. **Time:** 8.00pm Sharp. **Prize:** 1st €50 (if 12 or more players), **Entry:** €5 per player. **Venue:** Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar). Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.

Academy:

Our academy is back and is open to all boys and girls aged between 4-7. The academy runs every Saturday – no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try.

Age group times are as follows: 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am and 2019 – 11am.

Political Notes

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Email: Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

Consultation on Restricting HGVs in Lucan:

SDCC is carrying out reviews of HGV restrictions in Lucan to consider whether amendments, removals or new restrictions are needed. The following are being considered.

Proposed Amendments to Existing Restrictions:

Adamstown Road from junction with N4 to junction with Tandy's Lane/Esker Road. Tandy's Lane & Dodsborough Road from the junction with the Paddocks Drive to Dodsborough Road junction/Old Cornmill Road.

Proposed New Restrictions:

Tandy's Lane from the junction with Adamstown Road to junction of Adamstown Park, Hillcrest Road from junction with Adamstown Road to junction with Dodsborough Road/Tandy's Lane. Meadowview Grove from junction with Dodsborough Road through Hillcrest Heights to junction with Hillcrest Road. Old Celbridge Road from the junction of r403 to the roundabout at Dodsborough Road.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD

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Reminder: Act Now On Lucan Rezoning!



Check out: all rezoning proposals for Lucan area, with maps - sample submission that you can use info on possible numbers of housing units that could be built. The most important thing that YOU can do is

make a submission on the proposed rezoning now. The Chief Executive of SDCC will consider all submissions and will then revert to all Councillors, with final proposals for residential rezoning around the County, for a vote.

Allotments for Lucan:

My motion was passed at this week's Area Committee Meeting for research into suitable locations for Lucan allotments.

New Park for Central Boulevard, Adamstown:

Construction on Central Boulevard Park began 03/02/2026 (construction: 57 weeks). Park will include varied play/ recreation zones, natural play areas, teen space with informal basketball /MUGA, boules, and callisthenics area.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Briefing on St Edmundsbury and other Lucan Rezoning:

With the deadline for submissions closing on March 13th, Helen and I are holding a drop-in information session in the Spa Hotel next Saturday morning 7th March.

If you are solely looking for a printed-out version of the template to make a written submission, then feel free to drop up around 10am, or let us know and we will get one to you. Final times to be confirmed on our websites, but likely 9am to 12pm.

Dáil Report:

This week I spoke in support of SNAs facing uncertainty following a review of services in schools that has been thankfully halted for now. I also highlighted the need to support GPs to stay in Ireland and help them set up practices.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Phone: 01-6184128. Find me on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok.

Dublin Bus:

I met the CEO of Dublin Bus this week to review performance of Dublin Bus routes in Lucan. I raised issues with weekend coverage in particular, as well as the need to review provision on some of the peak services. If there are points you would like to raise, please get in touch.

Postal Services:

Thanks to people who have contacted me about the quality of postal services in our area. I have shared this with An Post and requested an update.

Fianna Fáil Centenary:

I have been appointed by An Taoiseach to chair the Centenary Programme for Fianna Fáil. If you have memorabilia from family members who may have been involved in Fianna Fáil, or would like to get involved in the celebrations, please contact me.

Clinic: My next advice clinic in Lucan will take place on Monday 2 March at 1pm at the Muintir na Tire Hall.

Political Notes continued over.....

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

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Airlie Heights Traffic Calming:

I've consistently worked with Airlie Heights residents and the council on traffic-calming concerns. I'm pleased SDCC confirmed to me, this week, that Airlie Heights will be included in the 2027 Traffic Calming Programme. A review will take place in late 2026, followed by public consultation, followed by construction in 2027.

Dodsboro Centre Flower Bed:

I've raised the condition of the flower bed since the upgrade and the contractor's continued failure to maintain it. SDCC confirmed to me, this week, that an improved planting plan is being prepared, with works due in the coming weeks.

Proposed Zoning Changes:

A public information session takes place in Lucan Library this **Wednesday, 4th March, 14:00–20:00**. Information on the proposed change is available online Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie or contact me for hard copies. **Public submissions close 13th March 2026.**

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent – PC.

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School Bus:

I'm pleased to confirm that my motion was passed at this week's Area Committee meeting requesting that the Minister for Education consider Lucan as a pilot area for a dedicated school transport service. Given ongoing transport challenges along with the number of existing schools and additional schools planned across Lucan, Adamstown and Clonburris it is reasonable that our area be considered for targeted solutions. A dedicated school transport pilot could ease pressure on public buses, improve reliability for commuters and enhance safety for students.

HGV Restriction:

A consultation is currently open on proposed HGV restriction routes across South Dublin. I have consistently advocated for a full-time HGV ban on Newcastle Road however the proposal suggests a restriction during extended school hours only. The deadline is 11 March. I strongly encourage residents to make a submission. Link to consultation:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-hgv-restriction-routes-2026>

Metro Dart for Zero Cost

The cost of this new proposed 19-kilometre Metro Dart rail link via Dublin Airport overground is one billion euro. This increases the capacity of Dublin city rail network by the equivalent of three extra rail lines. The revenue from being able to use these three under used rail lines will pay for the airport rail link over time.



There is also funding available from a new European rail directive for Airports with over 12 million passengers per year announced recently, Ireland's share could be half a billion euro or up to a billion euro depending on what other countries draw down from these funds, if mainline rail gauge is used to link Dublin Airport. EU insists on standard rail gauge to ensure all Ireland with rail benefits from this funding. This would reduce the cost of the Airport rail link down to zero.

The present Metro Link underground proposals can't draw down any of this funding as they insist with a different rail gauge. With funding like this available and the use of existing unused lines, Metro Dart overground can finance itself. Why spend so much extra funding on an underground benefiting only a few areas in Dublin when all Ireland has traffic problems that is growing at an alarming rate and lacks an adequate public transport system to deal with this massive traffic growth. The simple Metro Dart overground using standard mainline gauge has the potential to do this.

Next week why the Metro Link underground is not a suitable transport solution for Dublin.

Tom Newton 086 312 7364 @acratu.com



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soirée's photography exhibition continues for one more week in Lucan Library so do drop in and have a look if you have not already done so before it is taken down next weekend.

This week Don sent us in another photo from county Kerry. This time it is of a bridge in the Gap of Dunloe. The Gap of Dunloe dates back two million years, when slow-moving ice carved a narrow mountain pass between MacGillycuddy's Reeks to the west and Purple Mountain to the east.



Anna was in Mayo again and sent us a nice landscape shot from Achill.



Paddy headed west to Galway city and sent in shots of some murals, particularly one in a part of the city centre known since the early 2000s as the Latin Quarter and named apparently for Galway's historical trade connections with Spain and Portugal.

Nearer to home Joe was in St Stephen's Green and sent in some photos of the memorials that can be found there, including the one to O'Donovan Rossa designed by the Irish sculptor Seamus Murphy and installed in 1954. This memorial stands near the Grafton Street entrance to the green and is close to the Fusilier's Arch at the Grafton Street corner.

This arch was erected in 1907 and commemorates the members of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers who died in the Second Boer War (1899 – 1902).



Stay safe until next week!

