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November: A Month to Remember!

As we enter the darkness of winter, the end of the seasons of warmth, fruition and obvious overground growth for this year, we reflect on what the year has borne for us and on those who are no longer among us in this life. We use artificial lighting and candles to guide our steps in the dark evenings and also as symbolism of the eventual brightness and hope that can emerge from every situation.

It is traditional for us to remember those, of our loved ones, who have died during the month of November. We pray for them and hold them in loving memory as we gather for memorial Masses and services, visit cemeteries and carry out our own memorial rituals.

There is a numbness that exists for many at the time of the funeral with much of the ritual happenings sometimes feeling automatic rather than fully engaging. We can only deal with so much at the time of funerals with little time between death and most funeral celebrations.



The November memorial services provide us with the opportunity to choose/or not to participate in gatherings where so many share the common state of grief and memories. There is a great strength in knowing that we are not on our own in the journey of grief, where the experience of every person is unique.

Experts have named particular stages of grief. While the stages might be a guideline to what can possibly be experienced by a person, the actual experience is often very different for every person with some aspect of the persons experience being at odds with what might seem like what fits into the box of grief! Some people cry a lot; some don't cry a lot or at all! Some feel guilt; some feel anger; some feel empty and alone; some feel relief that the loved one's painful existence is over/then feel guilty that it might seem like they wished they were gone…. A whole myriad of reactions and feelings may happen for some while others may integrate with a greater ease to move on more quickly. There is no timeline for grief!

Those who have gone before us have gifted us with much! We hold them in remembrance this month in whatever manner works best for us. There are memorial services in most parishes during November. Look at the parish notices or websites wherever is significant for you. Those whose loved ones died within the last year are invited to attend local memorial services – however, all are welcome at the same services if there is someone for whom you would like to remember in community prayer.

Cathy Burke
Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Liffey Sound Church Gate Collection Divine Mercy Church

Volunteers from Liffey Sound Community Radio will be holding their annual church gate collection at all masses this coming weekend at the Divine Mercy Church Balgaddy by kind permission of the Parish Priest. Your contribution will help the community radio station to broadcast for another year.



Lucan Red Cross Christmas Old Folk's Party

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday 29th November** in the **Spa Hotel Lucan.**

If you would like to attend our party as a new member, you must be 66 years of age and collect your pension in the Lucan area.

Contact Bernie Cummins on 0861597606 or Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm/7pm.

Closing date for any NEW MEMBERS wishing to attend is Monday the 2nd November.

Any names received after the 2nd November will automatically be put on our list for next year.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Some members went to see "High Society" at the Bord Gais, and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The Singers, Set, Music and direction brought back memories of the original film and everyone had a great time.

We will have Scrabble, Bowls, Table Tennis, Cards and other games as requested by the members. Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 am.
New members always very welcome.

St. Mary's Genealogy Group

Next meeting Thursday 5 November 2026 in the Parish Bungalow, at 10.30 am, after morning Mass.

I look forward to seeing you at our next monthly get together on Thursday 5 November 2026. The December session will be on Thursday the 3rd - and the following one will be in February 2027.

If it will be your first time attending, please send me your details in advance on mjneleven@gmail.com. See you then. Mary (Jackson)

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:	2pm - 4pm subject to Team Meetings
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

Lucan Senior Citizens Halloween Party



We had a fantastic Halloween Party on Wednesday last. The Parish Centre was rocking with music by The Rams.



We had a visit from Kevin and Catherine (Lucan Tidy Towns Gold Medal Winners), Adam from Aontas Choir dropped in to thank our members for the generous donation of Shoe Boxes for the Philippines.





Billy also dropped in to join in the dancing, while Fr. Bill made a lucky escape.

Thank you to all our members for dressing up – all added to a wonderful morning.







Wednesday 4th November: Social Morning and Lunch in the Spa Hotel from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

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.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the dead are available in the Church porches. Please complete and return to the sacristy.

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

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm.

At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the last twelve months will be especially remembered.

The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of November 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 6pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers.

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

Divine Mercy Devotion and November the month of the Holy Souls

Divine Mercy devotion takes place every Wednesday after 10am Mass (unless when there is a funeral)
St Faustina prayed constantly for the souls in Purgatory.

From 1st to 8th November, by visiting a cemetery we can help in a special way souls in Purgatory by obtaining for them a Plenary Indulgence, one each day. We pray for the faithful departed including souls who have no one to pray for them.

The conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

- Going to Confession within 20 days.
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the Pope's intentions: one Our Father and one Hail Mary are sufficient.
- Detachment from sin: There must be no sin we are unwilling to renounce.

At any other time, we can help souls in Purgatory by gaining a partial indulgence by visiting or even passing a cemetery and saying the **"Eternal Rest"** prayer:
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

Deepest Sympathy to the parents, family and friends of ***Norma Dowler***, Beech Grove, to the wife, family and friends of ***John Dowling***, Esker Lane. and to the husband, family and friends of ***Maureen Gardiner***, Roselawn.
May they rest in peace.



CASA Church Gate Collection

The Church Gate Collection on **November 7th & 8th** is in aid of CASA-Caring and Sharing Association. CASA is a volunteer led organisation developing friendships between volunteers and adults and children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities through Social Events, Activities and Lourdes Pilgrimages. All our activities are in a one-to-one pairing, lending strength and support to all that we do, people to get the most out of everything that they do with CASA.
Please support our collection **NEXT** weekend.
Thank you.

We at Missio Ireland extend our thanks to the parishioners of St Mary's Parish, for their generosity on Mission Sunday. An amount of €1,950 has been received, for which we are very grateful.

The support of each parishioner who donated to this worthy cause in very much appreciated.

Fiona Walsh, Mission Ireland.

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 Mass: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions: After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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

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.

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed
will take place on
Friday 6th. November at 7pm.



All those in our parish who passed away within the past twelve months will be especially remembered.

November list of the dead will automatically be included.

Everyone welcome.

Refreshments immediately afterwards in the parish centre.

The Mass can also be viewed online on stpatrickslucan.ie

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.

Annual Mass for the Deceased



The annual **Mass of Remembrance** for deceased parishioners who died during the last 12 months will be on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 7.30pm.**

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday
7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.
7.30pm: Holy Mass.
After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50pm** Benediction.

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.

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 is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15ami 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.

Anniversaries



Eileen Bristley
4th Anniversary

All your family, miss you every day.
Your husband Jimmy, children Elizabeth, Alice, Mary and Paula, your grandchildren Julieanne, Leslie, Kevin, Dara and Sean, your great grandchildren Louis, Jade, Jamie, Phobe, Isla, Lottie, Millie and Penny.

Joe Fitzgerald
29th Anniversary, 2nd November



Late Dodsboro Lucan
Along the road to yesterday
that leads us straight to you
Are memories of the happy days
together we once knew
And always every evening
we seem to have a way
Of wandering back to meet you
on the road to yesterday
Always remembered by daughter Bernie and son Bo and families

Mary Kilduff
24th Anniversary, 31st October



Chapel Hill
In loving memory of our dear mother ***Mary***.
"Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever"
Remembered by all the family.

Ireland's 3rd National First Saturdays Conference

This year's conference will take place in Knock on **Saturday November 28th.**

The day begins at 10am and finishes at 5pm. It includes Holy Mass, adoration, talks, and a healing service.

Speakers include: Fr Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn, and Fr Philip Kemmy, Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. More information and the list of buses going are available on www.firstsaturdays.ie. At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did what she asked there would be peace in the world and that many souls would be saved.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the 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**



Looking for Wool



A couple of ladies continue to knit hats and scarfs for the children of North Albania through the Heart and Hand Foundation. So, if you have any leftover wool, you do not want anymore, please leave it into St Mary's Parish Office and they will contact the ladies to collect.

Thanks to all those who have already donated.



The Bank Holiday weekend gone, was a far cry from the lovely temperatures of July and August. Looks like Winter is speeding to us!

The good news is that the weather for the coming weekend – **Halloween** – is looking pretty good.
Hopefully, the kiddies can enjoy their Trick or Treat adventures. Please stay safe, and keep your pets safe too! The fireworks haven't been too frequent so far, but you never know!





Red Sky at night, on Saturday last after all the rain, and Sunday was a beautiful bright day!

Great result for our Tidy Towns People!
Congratulations on being awarded another Gold Medal this year. You all thoroughly deserve it!

Congratulations also to those who completed the Dublin City Marathon on Sunday last. They were blown from Billy to Jack, but got there in the end, many raising much needed funds for various charities.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 2nd November: Our Craft group continue with their various projects.
There will also be a committee meeting.
Tea hostesses are Nuala and Anne.

Don't forget to bring the shoe boxes on Monday for donation for the Hope Foundation as this is the last day for collection by the charity.

Esker Active Retirement Association

Esker Active Retired meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. We regularly play bowls, scrabble and card games. Also a chat with friends over a cuppa.

Over the next few weeks we have some extra activities planned, including a talk from a doctor specialising in fall prevention, this is really important as a fall can so easily cause serious injury. Other activities include Zumba and Tai Chi.

Anyone interested please come along and join us any Wednesday. First meeting free of charge.

Carers & Toddlers Group

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





Lucan Library entered into the spirit of Halloween with the above spooky display, where flesh-eating Zombies were lurking.



Happy 11th Birthday

To our two pumpkins,
Seán and Tadhg,
who celebrate their big day on Halloween.
Love from all your family and friends



I imagined

I imagined that one day my prince will come
I imagined through prayer
Thy Kingdom Come

I imagined that old house up on the hill
full of my family
with bedrooms to fill

I imagined an executive job
rubbing shoulder to shoulder with all the top-nobs

I imagined a secure bank balance
an infinite source of income
Ma and Da would need some help
and I would rush to bring some

I imagined myself to be oh so glamorous
Turning heads where ever id go

I imagined my talents to get noticed
and all my great Artwork
exhibited on show

I imagined my voice was the best in the world
Simon Cowell would snap me up
and surely, he would

I imagined walking up the aisle
A huge smile and my dress so white and pure
Dad on my arm with his rouge like charm....
sure

I imagined my own business
successful and thriving
going it alone and surviving

I imagined my funeral a tri colour indeed
a harpist a clarinet
or a Mozart Requiem
A packed-out Church.... and enemies
well, no room for them

I imagined bright lights and applause
for doing something great or
some charitable cause

I imagined a long and blessed life
no sickness at all

I imagine being God's favourite child
all tender and mild
in reality
just wild

Of course, I imagine winning the lotto
Left my numbers tucked tightly under the Grotto
I imagined because I could
Dream on they say.....
I suppose I really should

(Composer's name with Lucan Newsletter)

Rory Robin



Rory Robin is a frequent visitor to a garden in Woodview Heights. Vivian Farrell sent us these photos of this friendly bird who hangs around his patch.



A Robin

I wonder how a robin hears
I never yet have seen is ears.
But I have seen him tip his head
And pull a worm right out of bed.

Lucan TidyTowns
Caring for our environment



Last week the results of the national tidy towns competition were announced. We were there In Croke Park with many of the other groups that won awards. If you remember, Lucan won a gold medal in 2025, so we were very hopeful but just a little apprehensive about this year's results.

Anyway, we are delighted to say that in 2026:
Lucan retained its gold medal.
A terrific result all around.

We increased our marks by 14 this year, from 380 in 2025 to 394 in 2026. The overall winner this year was Ballinahown, who scored 413 marks, so you can see we are not very far behind their score.



The adjudicator's report was very complimentary about our Village.

Here are some comments from the report:
"The newly built village Plaza at the heart of the village is very well planned, the terraced seating along the water and the covered dome in the centre, creates a lovely space to sit and enjoy the surroundings. The buildings along Main St are well maintained, and shop fronts attractive with good outdoor seating outside some of the cafes and restaurants.

The curvature on the terraced houses on Main St are architecturally pleasing and the gardens very well maintained. Carroll's Gastro Pub has a lovely inviting shop front with street gardens that are colourful and bright.

The planting and placement of flower beds throughout the village is lovely bringing colour and scent. The planters along the Liffey Bridge are very attractive with a nice array of flowers.

Lucan has excellent litter free streets, dotted around the village is the installation of solar bins. This initiative is set to improve waste management with stopping bins overflowing especially in the centre of the town.

Area around Sarsfield House has lovely dwellings with the stone and square nicely maintained, very well done to everyone here. Lucan Heights- Red brick 1960's well established mature trees. There are well maintained greenspaces and nature strips. Very neat and tidy. Nice to see that the large green at the centre of the estate is used for sports and recreation. Very well trimmed gardens and nature strips. Brookvale- This is a small estate with duplex housing. The estate has nice planting done at the entrance.

Concluding Remarks: It was a lovely opportunity this year to be able to adjudicate Lucan and to see your lovely old village transforming into a nice modern village space without losing any of its character. Your efforts as Tidy Towns Community by improving the village landscape, making it a lovely space and place to enjoy."

If you wish to read the full report this is the link:
https://tidytowns.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/u_reports/2026/dublin/2026-Dublin-Lucan-173.pdf

We are delighted that Clondalkin Tidy Towns won a silver medal, their first ever.

To achieve this excellent result that we did needs more than just the efforts of the Tidy Towns volunteers.

We want to thank everyone for your support, schools, residents' groups, community groups, businesses, and a special thank you to Donal and staff in Carroll's and Hugh and staff in Courtney's, local councillors, South Dublin County Council, Lucan Spring Clean group, Society for Old Lucan, Lucan Festival, Lucan Lions Club, St. Joseph's - Joey's Junior Tidy Towns, Coláiste Phádraig, Lucan Newsletter, Lucan Library and of course our own volunteers, both long standing and newer volunteers who have brought a new energy and enthusiasm to the group. Next year we hope that we can do even better and with everyone's help this is definitely achievable.

Kevin O'Loughlin
Chair Lucan Tidy Towns.

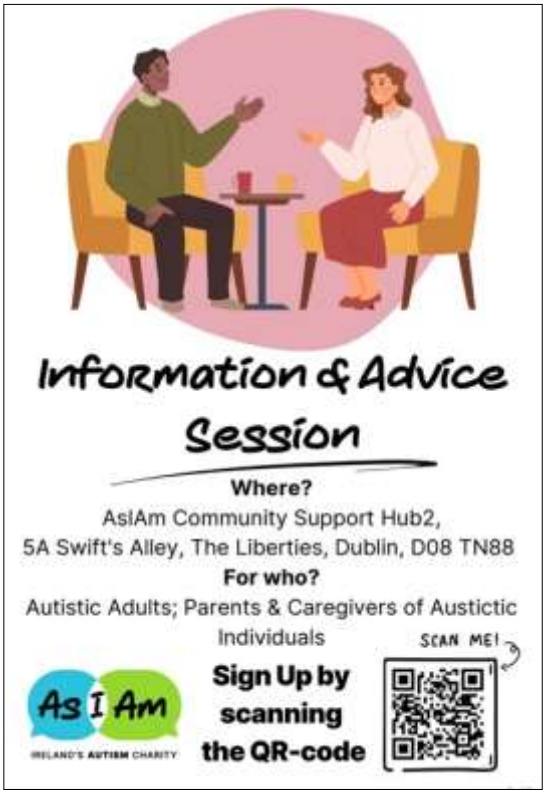
Lucan Planning Council

At Lucan Planning Council AGM condolences were expressed at the passing of two of our stalwarts who passed away during the year – **Mr Joe Byrne and Mrs Mairead Hilliard,** may they rest in peace. They will be sadly missed. One of Joe Byrnes main ambitions was the saving of Edmundsbury from re-zoning. We are very grateful to Councillors who made sure this didn't happen. We need more new members to keep up this vital work.

Traffic congestion in Lucan due to new zoned land along with massive congestion on the M50 are urgent now and a solution is needed. The meeting felt that Metro Dart or the missing link, a rail loop alongside the M50 was the best solution to address this growing traffic problem and for future new family suitable housing in the Greater Dublin Area. The problem is trying to convince those in authority to look at this solution. Several suggestions were put forward to achieve this and they will be looked at.

It was agreed that a solution is needed to allow people get around the city centre and a simple plan was shown by Tom Newton to link up existing Luas lines in a city orbital fashion to allow people freely navigate the city. The meeting agreed this should be promoted on social media and public representatives should be enlisted as its a win for everyone. It was felt that if this was agreed then the train track along the M50 route would quickly follow based on the success of the inner orbital Luas.

Caitríona McClean / Tom Newton



Griffeen Junior Parkrun

Join us at Griffeen Valley Park **every Sunday morning at 9.30am** for a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4- to 14-year-olds).



Register at www.parkrun.ie before you first come along to get your individual barcode and bring this along each week to scan and receive your finish time. The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

For more information or to volunteer just Email griffeenjuniors@parkrun.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and news.



Set Dancing Classes



Palmerstown Parish Centre
every **Monday night**
at 8:30pm – 10.30pm
€5 with tea & biscuits included.

Just come along – No partner needed!

Info: Tom Walker 085 8808868
Theresa: 086 1930278
Email: tommy30D@gmail.com

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)".*



https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/



SOLFEST26: BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW - LUCAN'S LOCAL HISTORY FESTIVAL

Book your tickets here:
https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/solfest-26-tickets-2002454491288

SOL 2027 MEMBER-PHOTO FUNDRAISING CALENDARS NOW ON SALE IN LUCAN LIBRARY!



The SOL 2027 Fundraising calendars are now on sale in Lucan Library. Please ask at the counter to get your copy at only €10 each. These make perfect presents for people at home or abroad.
We do also offer a free delivery of the calendars in the Lucan area for those who cannot make it to the Library. Please contact us for any further details or free Local delivery in Lucan at our email OldLucan@gmail.com

ESKER ROOD C14 DATING UPDATE

We have raised hundreds of euros thanks to many of you wonderful followers that will enable us to pay for the C14 dating for our unique Irish rood - the Esker Rood, in St. Patrick's Church.

Frustratingly, we are still waiting for a C14 result (if any) as the pre-testing confirmed that this sample, which is the second test we have taken, seems to be free of modern varnish. Queen's Uni Belfast has also applied a chemical to remove any potential remaining traces of modern varnish, to make the testing more viable and accurate.



However, QUB C14 Lab did say that the sample size was very small and may not be enough for a viable test. It was exceptionally difficult for Dr. Ellen O'Carroll to even get those tiny shavings (using a scalpel) as the oak wood is so toughened. We are hoping that we might have a result in the coming month but will let everyone who follows us and who donated to the costs of the result, as soon as possible.

You can read the article that was written on the Esker Rood free via the link below: (register with JStor and you have access to 10 free articles per month).
Corlett, Chris, and Helen Farrell. "The Esker Crucifix." *Archaeology Ireland*, vol. 36, no. 1, 2022, pp. 20–23. *JSTOR*,
https://www.jstor.org/stable/27198703

Follow SOL on Eventbrite

and you'll be notified when we post a new event
https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491

Definition!
Justice: When kids have kids of their own.

Lucan Library - November 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.

Children's Events:

Please ensure to book events on Lucan Library Eventbrite

Musical Tots: Saturday 7th November at 10:30am.
Reflexology for Babies: Wednesday 11th November at 10am.
Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs: Thursday 12th November 3.30pm.
STEAM event: Optical Illusions Tuesday 17th November. Come gaze in wonder and confuse your eyes with all these amazing optical illusions. Join us as we make various types of optical illusions you can bring home with you.
STEAM Freeplay session: Saturday 28th November 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
Storytime: Every Monday in November at 3.00pm. All welcome.



Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library Eventbrite
Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca: founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Thursday 19th November at 10am.
Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 27th November from 12pm - 2pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Self-led session suitable for babies and young children.

Adult Events:

No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend! **Lucan Library Knitters Club:** Every Monday 10am – 12pm
English Conversation Group: Every Tuesday 2pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.
Ciorcal comhrá: 5th November 5:30pm. Our new casual Irish language conversation circle meet monthly and is suitable for everyone. All welcome!
Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group: Friday 6th and 20th October at 10.00am. Meets twice monthly. All welcome.
Poet's Perch: Tuesday 10th November at 6pm.
Adult Chess: Monday 2nd November 6:30pm.



Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle: Wednesday, 11th November 5:45pm - 7:45 pm, meet the second Wednesday of each month. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. A safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.
Lucan Library Creative Writers Group: Thursday 12th and 26th November at 10am. Whether writing a short piece or a whole book, bring along your work to discuss.
"What's the Story" Writing Club!: Saturday 21st November 12pm – 1.45pm. 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 Friendship club: Monday 23rd November 1pm. A social gathering and information hub about other clubs and social outlets.
Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 24th November from 5.30pm.
Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Wednesday 18th November 6pm. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.
Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: 6:30pm Thursday 26th November. Swap jigsaws/puzzles, meet and chat with likeminded people.

Additional Adult Events:

South Dublin Volunteer Centre: volunteering information stand, Wednesday 4th November, 10am-12:30pm. All welcome.
'Saoirse of the Soul'; a collection of bilingual poems in Irish and English by local author Poilin Brennan. Monday 23rd November 6pm Come along to celebrate the launch of Poilin's book. Booking on Eventbrite.
4-week Family History Course 5-6pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th ,18th, 25th November. One place for the four-week course must be booked on Eventbrite. Unlock the story of your Irish ancestors with a practical, engaging four-week genealogy course designed for beginners. Participants will gain a solid foundation in the most important Irish record sets, confidence in navigating online archives and database and the opportunity to develop practical research strategies.
Lucan Library Table Quiz Thursday 26th November 2pm. Test your knowledge at Geraldine's Table Quiz! Please book in at the library desk.
Free Community Zumba morning Saturday 28th November 10am. Join Nadia, founder and instructor of GoWorkout12, for a fun and energetic 45-minute Zumba session — completely free for the local community!

November Exhibitions: From Monday 2nd November:
Lucan Lions Club Peace Poster Art Competition
From Monday 23rd November: 'Wings, Feathers and Nature's Chaotic Beauty' by Sharon Casey, Local Wildlife Artist. A collection of signature multi bird oil painting celebrating birds.

Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 22nd October lotto jackpot of €20,000. The numbers drawn were **5, 14, 20, 21. Lucky dip's** go to Pat Keane, Carol and Catherine, Jake McGann, Evan Lombard, Mary Murphy, Colum Rogers, Sean Clancy, Louise Cunningham, Shane Biggs. This week's Lotto on Thursday 29th October will be for a jackpot of €20,000. 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.

Minor A Camogie



Congratulations to our Minor A camogie team on a great win, making it three in a row for Lucan Sarsfields at this level. It's a fantastic achievement for the players and management, and a proud moment for everyone involved in camogie in the club. Sustaining that success takes huge commitment, and this group deserves great credit for adding another memorable chapter.
Well done to the entire panel, management and backroom team, and thank you to everyone who supported the girls along the way

Minor Ladies Football

Our Minor A ladies footballers take to the field this weekend aiming to secure the double following last weekend's camogie success. The girls face Clontarf once again in the final, and we hope to see plenty of support on the sidelines.
Our Minor B girls are also in championship final action against St Finian's, Newcastle, while our Minor C and D teams will both be bidding for victory in their Shield finals.
Best of luck to all four teams and their management. We hope to welcome them back to the 12th Lock for plenty of celebrations on Saturday evening!

Christmas Gala

Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala is coming up on Saturday, 14th November at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip! Tickets: €60 per person and online the last few remain!!!!!!

Intermediate Football

Our intermediate footballers take to the field on Sunday morning in the PTSB Junior 1 All County Championship Final.
It's a big occasion for the team and management, and we encourage all Lucan supporters to get behind the lads as they bid to finish their championship campaign with silverware.
Best of luck to everyone involved. Let's have a big Lucan crowd on the sidelines



Minor Hurling

Best of luck to our Minor B and C hurlers in their championship semi-finals and our Minor D hurlers in their championship final this Sunday morning.
A big day for all three teams and their management groups. Please get out and support the lads!
Pictured below are our Minor B hurlers ahead of their semi-final.



Club Shop – Christmas Is Coming!

Looking for a Christmas gift for the Lucan supporter in your life? Start your shopping early and pick up something special from the club shop.
Open Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings — drop in and find a gift in the club colours!

AGM
Save the Date





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Winter Gritting: SDCC's winter gritting programme starting now runs until 25 April 2027, covering 340km of priority roads. Newly taken-in-charge roads in Adamstown will now be included. Residential estate roads are generally excluded.

Lucan Skatepark: Following my 2025 motion, I sought a progress report on the €120,000 upgrade. Consultation identified demand for extension and concrete bowl. Final designs expected by end 2026, with project completion anticipated by September 2027. I'll continue monitoring progress.

Dedicated Arts Space: My motion at the October Area Committee Meeting called for a dedicated Arts space for Lucan, including potential use of existing buildings. SDCC's forthcoming Arts Infrastructure Strategy will consider opportunities, but no location/timetable is confirmed yet. Have your say on this: highlight Lucan's Arts needs in the SDCC consultation https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/content/explore-future-arts-development-south-dublin-county, closing 12 November, 6pm.

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Station Road, Adamstown Ave & Pk / Taking-in-Charge: I only learned this week of a public consultation underway by the council to take in charge the full length of Station Road, Adamstown Ave and Park. The wider delay in bringing us to this point is something I have raised concerns about.
I have a serious issue with SDCC setting out its intentions not to maintain the grass verges along Station Road, as have others, and have since made a formal submission to the consultation stating this, amongst other suggestions and observations.
Submissions can be viewed at consult.sdublincoco.ie

The Paddocks Way – Illegal Dumping and Graffiti: Just this week, I have made representations to the council for a clean-up of the treeline between the Paddocks and Hillcrest / Somerton. I have also asked for the removal of graffiti on the walls at the end of the Paddocks Way.

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Local Issues: Some of the issues raised include the broken manhole near St Mary's church, streetlights out in Beech Grove and on the path between Buirg An Rí and Meile An Rí. We've logged a number of trees weakened or damaged following recent storms, as well as broken fencing barriers on the R120 Newcastle Road past the canal. I will also be again chasing up complaints about the postal service.

Website Information: All future replies to parliamentary questions and queries to HSE/NTA etc will now be uploaded to www.paulgogarty.com . My Dáil speeches are already here along with details of my rotating café clinics.

Contacting Paul AND Helen? If contacting us both please text/email us in the SAME message. This will help schedule and speed up responses.

POLITICAL NOTES

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Flood Relief Updates: Finnstown Newcastle Road Junction (Crugh Cross). Overnight jetting and survey works identified multiple drainage collapses and a suspected collapsed stone culvert crossing the junction. A contractor was organised for enabling works to facilitate survey access to buried manholes. These investigations will inform the next phase of works.

Esker Lane: Drainage lines were surveyed, cleaned, and vegetation cleared to allow access to the drainage ditch. During these works, an unrecorded culvert was discovered. Further survey and cleaning work is now underway.

Hillcrest Walk: Surveys identified defects including open joints and significant tree root ingress. Specialist root-cutting works are underway to enable a survey and a full assessment of the drainage network to be completed. This will inform the next phase of works required.
Residents may notice survey, drainage, or engineering works in these areas over the coming weeks.

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Dodsboro, Traffic Calming Measures:
Thank you to the residents of Dodsboro who have contacted me to raise concerns regarding traffic speeds and road safety within the estate.
I have requested that the Council examine the area to identify whether additional traffic calming measures or other safety improvements could help address these concerns.

Hillcrest, Tree Safety and Maintenance:
Over recent years, I have requested tree suitability surveys in Hillcrest, with works subsequently carried out based on the findings.
However, following recent storms, residents have raised further concerns regarding the condition and safety of some trees in the area.
I have requested that the Council investigate these concerns and carry out any necessary works to ensure the area remains safe for residents.

A Look at Halloween

Halloween Weather



In his book ***"Weather Eye-The Final Year"*** Brendan McWilliams says: "With the arrival of October, the year has entered the youth of its old age. It marks a turning of the year". At the start of the month the average maximum temperature is a pleasant 16C, falling to 12C by the time Halloween arrives. Looking back at the Halloween temperature since 1970 we find the warmest 31 October was in 2014. An impressive 18C was recorded at Casement Aerodrome, 6 degrees above normal. That year Halloween and the following day were unusually warm. On November 1 Glenbeigh, Co Kerry reached 20C. The UK's November temperature record was broken on the same day. In Aberystwyth, mid Wales an amazing 22C occurred.



In the lead up to Halloween the weather around the feast day of St Luke (October 18) can provide a pleasant surprise with very mild, sunny conditions. This occurs only on some years of course, but when it does it can be referred as "St. Luke's Little Summer".

Scary News at Halloween!
Mussolini appointed Prime Minister

At Halloween 1922 Benito Mussolini was appointed Prime Minister of Italy. He founded and led the National Fascist Party and was the dictator of Italy from 1922 to 1945. Mussolini inspired and supported the international spread of fascist movements during the inter-war period.

Violet Gibson

Violet Gibson was born in Dublin in1876. Her father Lord Ashbourne became Lord Chancellor of Ireland. She left behind the advantages of her Anglo-Irish upbringing and dedicated herself to anti-war activism, social justice and opposition the fascism. Some people called her "a crazy Irish mystic".
In 1922 she suffered a nervous breakdown, was declared insane and committed to a mental institution for two years. She attempted suicide in early 1925. On April 7, 1926, while mixing in a crowd in Rome, she shot Benito Mussolini at point blank range. He only suffered a superficial injury to his nose. Violet tried again but the gun misfired. She explained that she shot Mussolini "to glorify God". She was deported to Britain and spent the rest of her life in a psychiatric hospital in Northampton. Her pleas for release went unheeded. She died on May 2, 1956.

At Halloween – No Disguising Munster's Victory!

Munster played an unforgettable match against the All Blacks (New Zealand) in Thomond Park on October 31, 1978. Twelve thousand spectators were packed into the Limerick venue to see the All Blacks start the Irish leg of their tour. Apart from inside the stadium other vantage points were taken. Hundreds were perched on the 20ft high boundary wall. Others were on the towering trees immediately outside the grounds. Some people also watched from windows of houses at the Ballynanty end that have since been demolished.



Health and safety were not a priority in those days!

The Munster players were amateurs, but they were spurred on by their coach Tom Kieran, a former Irish International player. October 31, 1978, dawned wet and windy, possibly giving an advantage to the home team who would be more used to these conditions. However, by kick-off time it was mild and sunny with a temperature of around 14C, a couple of degrees above normal. After 11 minutes Christy Cantillon scored a try (4 points), converted by Tomy Ward (2 points). Ireland were 6 points ahead. An explanation might be necessary here. In 1971 a try went from 3 points to 4 points and in 1992 up to 5 points. The rest of the scoring consisted of two drop goals scored by Tomy Ward, giving the final result: Munster 12 – All Blacks.0.
The noise and excitement was unbelievable. The All Blacks were beaten and held scoreless as well. Who would have predicted that?

The following day the New Zealand coach lamented***: "We were up against a team of Kamikaze tacklers".***

A play called ***"Alone it Stands***" by John Breen tells the story of the match. The title is borrowed from the anthem of Shannon Rugby Club. ***"There Is An Isle".***

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A Look at Halloween *continued….*



Welcoming the Spirits Home at Halloween!

Japan



The Japanese celebrate Buddhist tradition called o-bon. It honours the spirits of deceased family members. Lanterns are hung outside the home to guide the spirits inside.

Latin American Countries

In these countries the favourite food and drink of deceased family members are placed on an altar erected in the home. This is to welcome the spirits and to encourage them to enter the house.

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LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

Every Wednesday
at 7.30 pm
in
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New members are very welcome



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The most crippling failure disease …
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The most powerful force in life … Love
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The worst thing to be without … Hope
The most powerful relationship tool ..
The Tongue
The two most power-filled words…
"I Can"
The most powerful communication…
Prayer
The greatest asset … Faith
The most worthless emotion …
Self-Pity
The most prized possession…
Self-esteem
The most contagious spirit …
Enthusiasm
The most beautiful attire … SMILE

Political Notes *continued….*

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Finnstown Castle & St Edmundsbury – Zoning Update: Huge thanks to everyone who supported our months-long campaign to protect Finnstown Castle and St Edmundsbury lands.

St Edmundsbury was protected from residential rezoning: Unfortunately, my motion co-signed by fellow Lucan councillors to protect Finnstown Castle failed on a 19–19 vote decided by the Mayor's casting vote. Approximately 1,000 homes are proposed for the lands.

I support housing, including at Adamstown, Liffey Valley Shopping Centre and Tubber Lane, with protective Specific Local Objectives (SLOs). Despite losing the Finnstown vote I supported the overall Development Plan Variation.

October Area Committee – Issues I Raised:

Halloween youth activities - L51 bus stop - Adamstown Station QR scanners - Griffeen Sports Clubhouse - Esker Cemetery caretaker's house - Lucan Promenade defects.

Esker/Newcastle Road flooding - Clonburris railway bridge.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Soiree continue to travel and this week Joe sent us photos from New York State. I've selected some that appeal to me. There are two photos from the city of Kingston in Ulster County, named after the province of Ulster and the first capital of New York State. Today Albany is the capital of the State.





The photo on left is of the city hall and right is of the Old Dutch Church, a structure from 1852. The congregation is officially known as the First Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Kingston and is one of the oldest continuously existing congregations in the United States.



Moving to New York City Joe sent is a beautiful sunset framing the Statue of Liberty which was a gift to the United States from the people of France and dedicated in 1886. The statue became an icon of freedom and was seen as a symbol of welcome to immigrants arriving in the US by sea.



At home Donal sent us a moody photo of sunset on Inchydoney beach just outside Clonakilty in west Cork.

Stay safe till next week!