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Advent – Preparing for Christmas!

Advent is a four-week season of preparation for the celebration of the coming of Jesus at Christmas. Christmas is not the end in itself, but simply the beginning of the new life of God among us. The real wonder of Christmas comes to us at Easter when we realise what the birth of Jesus was really about having experienced the harrowing reality of life alongside the wonderful beauty! Christian belief is that God is present in all things, all moments with hope present in both the best and worst of life experiences.



If we force plants to grow before their natural time, they are often yellow, leggy and without resilience. If the plants are foods, they are often tasteless and without the best of expected substance. If setting out on a marathon there are stages to pass before the finish line is conceivable: preparation, planning, reflection, pacing, hydrating... If one takes off at a chase without preparing, etc- arriving at the finish line will never be possible. The same principles apply to sitting exams or attaining any worthwhile goal.

Advent is the preparation for Christmas, as vital spiritually as the preparation for a marathon. The commercial world highlights the finish line of an overflowing cornucopia of food and burgeoning gifts of all forms at prices and quality reminiscent of the leggy vegetables that are undernourished and under nourishing. What's the rush with putting up the decorations, filling freezers with more food than would feed a famine struck nation, blinging up to bypass the natural darkness of the season. The darkness is a place of rest, recuperation and reflection needed before we can really savour the true wonders of Christmas on 25th December.

As Patrick Kavanagh says in his poem Advent:

*We have tested and tasted too much, lover-
Through a chink too wide there comes in no wonder.*

As a child, I remember the great anticipation of Christmas in all its' aspects to include building up towards a great new welcome for the birth of Jesus as well as the material goods associated with celebrating all the traditions as a family. I continue to enjoy the same with an adult mind and heart.

Could we just stop to press the pause button as we set out on a fresh start of life before Christmas in the season of Advent? Could we stop and consider what it is that deserves our gratitude? Could we take enough time to realise what our hearts desire is? Before us is hope, light in places we have not yet entered and joy in the simplest of experiences. Kavanagh writes of the newness that is in every stale thing! Let's shake off what is stale and useless in our lives during this season to arrive with free and open hearts this Christmas.

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

The United Nations International Day for the abolition of slavery takes place on Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Public consultation on remote working

Do you work from home or are you interested in remote work? You can now give your views on how the right to request remote working legislation is operating in Ireland.

Since 7 March 2024, all employees have a legal right to request remote working. A legislative review of the right to request remote working is provided for within the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023. Employees, employers, and members of the public can take part.

You can give your view by filling in the consultation form and submitting it before 3pm on Tuesday, 9 December 2025.

Find out more about the right to request remote working on our website.

Buy now pay later

Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL), which is sometimes known as in-store credit, is a type of credit agreement offered by a range of businesses when shopping online and in-store. BNPL credit allows you to buy goods or services and to spread the cost over a number of months or years.

The business (the shop you are buying from) and the BNPL provider are usually different companies, so while you may buy the goods from the business, you are also entering into a separate contract to pay for the goods with the BNPL credit provider. BNPL can sometimes appear as the default payment option when buying online, so be careful not to select this option if you intended to pay by another method, for example with a debit or credit card.

Traditionally, BNPL credit was mainly used to buy goods such as kitchen appliances, furniture, televisions etc. and is often known as in-store credit. Now many businesses have started to offer this option to pay for smaller goods such as clothing and footwear.

BNPL credit agreements allow you to buy goods on credit and pay for them later. For lower cost goods (generally less than €500), you are often offered regular interest-free instalments, for example fortnightly or monthly, over a period of between three and six months. Another option is to make one interest-free repayment, typically within 14 or 30 days of the date of purchase. The payment options available for BNPL credit will vary depending on the provider.

For goods that cost €500 or more, you can usually spread the cost over a longer period of time – from about six to 36 months. This will require a credit check. You may be charged interest on these types of BNPL. Some of the providers of BNPL credit are regulated high cost credit providers who loan money at higher interest rates than those available through personal loans from banks or building societies. Make sure to use our loan comparison tool to get the best rates.

More information is available on the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC) website.

When someone dies

This is a guide to the practical concerns you may have when someone close to you dies. It answers questions you may have on accessing money, getting help with funeral expenses, dealing with your loved one's estate, and other practical issues you may be worried about.



Set Dance/Ceili Class

Palmerstown Parish Centre

every Monday night at 8:30pm.

Admission is €5 with tea & biscuits incl.

Lucan Lions Club

Many thanks to all who supported our Lions Club Table Quiz in the Spa Hotel on 21 November. We had a great turnout and are grateful for the sponsorship/contributions from local politicians as well as the Spa Hotel and SuperValu Lucan.



A team from Lucan Tidy Towns were the winners on the night and a team representative is pictured receiving first prize from President Will Byrne and Lion Bernadette Boylan. Another win for Lucan Tidy Towns following their Gold Medal Award in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

Christmas Raffle

We will be out in force in SuperValu Lucan over the weekend of 12-14 December with our Annual Christmas Raffle. The luxury hamper prizes will again be sponsored by SuperValu. If you would like to volunteer to help out/sell tickets in store (2 hour slots) please contact the undersigned. We are always grateful for all help provided.

Mattie McCabe PRO 087 9006999

Adult Chess in Lucan Library

A group of us have been meeting to play chess in Lucan Library and our next session is Monday 1st December from 6.30pm to 8pm for an adult chess session. Many thanks to Lucan Library for making its venue available for these sessions. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to come along.



Please feel free to come along even if on a drop-in basis, or Whatsapp Joanna at 0857703140 to be kept in the loop about this and future sessions.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 1st December: Craft Group meet as usual 10am until 12.30pm. We will have our Committee and Business Meetings also.

Tea Hostesses are: Miriam and Marie. S.

Thank you, Pauline for your help in finishing our Stitched Christmas Cards, a lovely class.



Last Thursday 20th November members of U3A enjoyed a day out to Lucan House, it was enjoyed by all. We meet once a month and arrange outings to different locations which take place monthly. New members welcome. For further information contact Rosaleen 087 2650859.

Happy Birthday

to former Newsletter volunteer, **Jack Cristal** who celebrates a very special birthday this week.
From all at Lucan Newsletter



Lucan Planning Council

I would like to apologise to the people of Lucan on behalf of Lucan Planning Council that we failed to get the 25bus restored, failed also in our efforts to get the Lucan bus L52 extended into Blanchardstown hospital and failed to get the NTA to engage with us. We sought a petition from the residents of Lucan. We received just over ten thousand signatures in support of our campaign over almost two years, all to no avail. We thank the people of Lucan for the courtesy they showed to us. This would not be possible but for the help of Caitriona McClean and David Clerkin. Thanks, on behalf of Chairperson Joe Byrne.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses live-streamed onwww.lucanparish.com

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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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 December 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

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

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

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

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Michael Murphy**, Roselawn, to the husband, family and friends of **Margaret (Peggy) Lally**, Chalet Gardens and formerly Beech Park and to the family and friends of **Josephine (Jo) Browne**, Beech Park. *May they rest in peace.*



CHURCH ART CALENDARS 2026

For Sale in St Mary's Parish Office and Sacristy. €2.



CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

Available in the Parish Office and Sacristy €6



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 1st December

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions

and Prayers 5.45pm)



Thank You

CASA-Caring and Sharing Association thank most sincerely the

parishioners of St. Mary's Parish Church for their very generous contributions to our Church Gate Collection held last weekend November 15th & 16th. The collection which amounted to €1,233 will greatly help in the funding of our Social Events, Activities and Lourdes Pilgrimage for our members, adults and children with Physical, Intellectual and Sensory disabilities along with many sick and terminally ill people.

Thank you to all those who helped make the collection a great success. Thank you for your continued and valued support of CASA again this year and please know that your efforts will make a difference to the lives of those that come into our care.

Relics of St Thérèse - The relics will be in Our Lady of Good Council, Drimnagh, on the 6th and 7th December.

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.

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.

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.

Tea/Coffee: Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. Do drop in. All welcome.

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

We wish to thank most sincerely the anonymous donor for their generous donation of €300 handed into St Patrick's Church for the St Vincent De Paul.

It is very much appreciated.

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: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50m** Benediction.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

How quick the year has flown, and Christmas is just around the corner again. This year, the National Christmas Appeal for the St Vincent De Paul takes place at

**All Masses next weekend
6th/7th of December 2025.**

We, the SVP in Lucan, rely on your generosity to achieve the goal of helping families in Lucan to ensure they will enjoy the festive season and through the forthcoming year.

*We thank you for the support,
St Vincent De Paul
Lucan*

PLEASE NOTE:

The Tap & Go System at the Churches is **NOT** to be used for special collections, e.g., St Vincent de Paul. This national appeal collection will take place in the Church as the second collection.



NAGARHOPE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pack of 10 for €5

All proceeds to educating children in Nepal.

Available from the St Mary's Parish Office
Also from 191 Beech Park or Phone Niamh at
087-0666891

Anniversaries

Susan Cahill, 1st Anniversary, 3rd December

As you travel to pastures new
All the memories that we shared
You leave behind with us
They will keep us close
Until we meet again in Heaven
*Sadly missed by your children Shauna and Gavin,
husband Tom, Mam and Dad, sisters and brothers,
sisters in law, brothers in law, niece, nephews and
friends.*



Breda Eiffe, 11th Anniversary, 22nd November

Remembering you always Ma
Forever in our Hearts
*Your loving son Viv and Joanne xx
Also remembering Da (Jimmy)xx*



Patrick (Paddy) Kilduff, 27th Anniversary

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

Jennie Morris, 7 years away from home

We miss your laughter,
your stories, and your song,
A Daniel O'Donnell tune drifting
softly all day long.
Whiskey and peppermint,
your gentle, happy cheer,
A smile that wrapped around us all,
making every moment dear
Now you're with your daughter Jean,
and husband Bill by your side.
Forever in our hearts filled with love
and endless pride.
*Loved and missed every day by your son in law
Dessie, beloved late daughter Jean, son Joe,
grandchildren. Karen, Lisa and Kevin, sons and
daughters in law Andy, Rachel, Jerry and Breeda
great grandchildren Laurajane, Daniel, Craig, Nikki
and Kelsie.*



Dympna Murray-Fennell, 8th Anniversary, 1st December

*Remembered, loved and missed
by her son, Michael*



Robert O'Brion, 9th Anniversary

Lonely is the home without you Rob
Life to us is not the same
All the world would be like Heaven
If we could have you back again
*So sadly missed by his heart-broken Mam Aine,
Barney, Triona, Conor, Liam, John and Joe xxx*

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 8th December 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

Online Bereavement Information Evening

I would like to extend a special welcome to our upcoming online Bereavement Information Evening, in light of the joys and difficulties this time of year brings to grieving parents. This event is especially designed for those who may not have accessed supports around the grief before, but all are welcome.

This event will take place online on Monday 8th December at 7pm

This Bereavement Information Evening is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age the child died, or the circumstances of their death. Our guest speaker for the evening will be David Trickey.

David is a leading Consultant Clinical Psychologist who has specialised in working with traumatised children, young people and their families since 2000. He continues to focus on direct clinical work, and the training and supervision of others working with traumatised children, young people and their families.

Register here for Anam Cara Online Bereavement Information Evening

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/Mp5sGwZhT3mtzW37SkXoiw#/registration>

We also offer informational packets, providing information about our supports, grieving processes, and ways to support families through this immensely challenging time. If your parish or community would like a set of packets, or to find out more about the services we offer please email us at info@anamcara.ie or call 085 288 8888.

Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 26th November, we had our Annual Christmas Floral Demonstration with Margaret Murphy. We got some wonderful ideas for decorating our homes. Margaret makes everything seem so simple, just add some glitter, baubles and lovely flowers!



Some people were lucky to win one of the beautiful arrangements for Christmas.



The Committee made a presentation to Billy for all his help and support over the years. Billy has been setting up for this demonstration since 2012 for our Seniors, and before that for the Garden Club. Billy is here every Wednesday helping us to set up.

Thank you, Billy for your support and friendship.



Our hard-working committee were very busy on the day!



*Wednesday 3rd December:
Social morning in St.
Mary's Parish Centre, and
lunch in the Spa Hotel.
10.30am to 2.15pm –
Christmas Party!*



Women's
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Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan

As we move towards the end of the year, many of our autumn programmes at WCI Lucan are now coming to a close. From Yoga to Mixed Crafts, it has been a wonderful term filled with learning, laughter and connection. We still have a couple of weeks left of our Maynooth University STEM Programme and our Household DIY Course, and we're delighted to see participants continuing to enjoy and engage with these sessions.

We are also delighted to share that our **Annual Christmas Celebration** is just around the corner. This year, we're hosting a special **Louise Hay-inspired Wellness Workshop** facilitated by Liz Callaghan, followed by a light lunch with mince pies and mulled wine — a warm and uplifting way to round off the year together.

Looking ahead to the 6th of January, we are excited to bring a **Nollaig na mBan Celebration** to Lucan Village — a chance to honour women, community, and the power of coming together. As always, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to the women of Lucan and the surrounding areas. Your ongoing support, engagement, openness, and sense of fun are what make this work meaningful. None of what we do would be possible without you.

WCI Lucan Team - Rita, Jackie, Joanne, Mel & Luda. Ballyowen Community Centre, Ballyowen Ln, Lucan. Tel: 083 860 7947

lucan@womenscollective.ie
www.womenscollective.ie



Senior Citizens: We were delighted to be invited to the Senior Citizens Christmas Floral Arranging event on Wednesday last, and learned most wondrous things..... Great to see everyone enjoying themselves so much,

and well done to the very hard-working committee on pulling off such a great morning!

You won't believe it, but we received a photo from Lucanians holidaying in Orlando at the moment, and guess what?

We spotted **ROADWORKS** in the background there too – it seems nowhere has escaped these days!



Speaking of Roadworks, Ray Barnes took a stroll through Lucan Demesne and St. Catherine's last week, to get away from the concrete mess in the village, and he was pleasantly surprised at the lovely landscapes therein.

Beautiful Calendar 2026! We got our hands on one of St. Joseph's College's calendar, and it is very impressive! All in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, it will make a lovely Christmas Present.....

Celbridge Camera Club

Celbridge Camera Club's 2026 calendar is now available to buy. We are happy once again to have St Raphael's Parent's and Friends Association as our charity partner - a local and very worthy charity.

Calendars can be purchased now for €10 from:

**The Orchard,
Absolutely Fabulous
Flowers, Walsh's
Pharmacy, The
Maynooth Bookshop and St Raphael's Parent's
and Friends Association shop.**





SCHOOL NEWS



Kishoge Community College

College Awareness Week: Staff and students participated in College Awareness Week, welcoming guest speakers from NUI Maynooth. The Student Leadership team also hosted industry professionals from diverse areas such as nursing, construction, teaching, software engineering and cognitive behavioural therapy to discuss future careers and various educational pathways.



Stand Up Week: Staff and students celebrated diversity during Stand Up Week. Musical morning, face painting, a colour run and a bake sale meant that the school was a hive of activity all week. All funds raised were donated to BelongTo, an organization supporting young LGBTQ+ people.



Sports Roundup

Girls Basketball - U16/19s: The season has now come to an end for both teams. The U16 girls reached the quarter finals narrowly missing out on progressing by two baskets. Lots of great

basketball was played with girls showing great improvements throughout.

1st Year Boys Soccer: The team got their league campaign off to a winning start on Monday 24th November vs Marian College Ballsbridge. An extremely impressive game with great displays from both Darwin Ebai and Denis Negru each scoring 2 goals in the 4-0 win. A really impressive defensive performance from our back four and a special mention to goalkeeper Max Gherlac who saved a penalty in the opening minute of the match. Great result lads Well done.

Senior Boys Soccer: The Senior Boys recorded a comfortable 5-2 league victory over Edmund Rice College Friday 21st November, with goals from Marc Allen, Charlie Hore, Aaron Power, Mohammed Haj & Liam Duffy. *Team:* Kyle O'Connor, Kris Asiedu-Appiah, David Mirindi, Adam Jackson(c), Aaron Power, Raphael Dike, Marc Allen, Kiki Reuben, Charlie Hore, Mohammed Haj, Remi Thomas. *Subs:* Liam Duffy, Adam Mahony, Oisín Moroney, Aaron Snow, Sarim Shahzad, Jack Higgins, Aaron Morgan, Evan Phelan



survive&thrive

Information and support for those who have completed treatment for cancer

Survive and Thrive Programmes 2026

The Marie Keating Foundation's **Survive and Thrive** programmes have been created to help men and women who have finished cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal' after a cancer diagnosis.

The programmes include information and support guided by facilitators, lots of discussions on issues such as coping with emotions, feelings, stress and anxiety; becoming a self-manager - managing fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional and physical activity needs.

There is lots of engagement which creates a space to learn and grow and empowers you going forward in life.

This is an eight-week programme, we would love to help you to transform yourself and meet people who have gone through a similar experience who gets you and you get them.

Next programme - Tuesday 6th January - 17th February

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail fsullivan@mariekeating.ie

To book a place log on to www.mariekeating.ie

All programmes are free to attend but places are limited and registration is essential.



Lucan Community College

Think Languages Week: Our students enjoyed an action-packed week with activities from the Maynooth University trip, Polish workshops, IFI films, and St. Brigid's Cross making, to the National Quiz, boules, assistant-led sessions, and Irish Sign Language! A brilliant way to explore new cultures, try new languages, and have lots of fun along the way!



Student Council trip to the Helix: Some members of the Lucan CC Student Council attended the Child Talks 2025 event in the Helix, organised by the Ombudsman for Children. The students heard young people share their experiences on wellbeing, equality, and the importance of being listened to in school and wider society. It gave our council members a clearer sense of how student voice can shape meaningful change. They will bring these insights back to support ongoing work within our own school community. Thanks to Mr. Murphy and Ms. Collins for accompanying the students.



1st year Boys Soccer Match: Well done to the 1st Year Boys football team who had a fantastic 4-2 win against Edmund Rice College Castleknock. The lads showed great resilience to come from 2-1 behind to score three goals in the final 15 minutes to secure a deserved 4-2 win. Goals were scored by Adam Murtagh Walshe, Odhran Donohue and captain Ryan Breslin.

Past Pupil Success: Well done to former student Daniel Grant who played a starring role in Shamrock Rovers securing a league and cup double this season. Daniel was an integral part of the victorious double winning Lucan CC senior football team in 2017/18 and he has continued to forge a fantastic career in football ever since. We would like to wish Daniel and Shamrock Rovers the best of luck as they try to qualify for the knockout stages of the Europa Conference League over the coming weeks.



Lucan Community College Night Classes

Spring term is opening for booking on our website www.Lucancc.ie

If you would like to meet new people, make new friends and learn a new skill, why not try one of our fun evening classes. Italian, Spanish, Knitting, Crochet, Creative Writing, Digital Computer Skills, Drawing and Watercolours, Tai Chi, Yoga, Kettlebells, Gardening, Guitar etc.

Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!



St. Joseph's College

All Ireland Champions in the school: Last week we were lucky to have two members of the successful Dublin All Ireland winning team in the school. Past pupil Sophie McIntye and Siobhan Birnie along with selector on the team and teacher Ms. Farrell brought in the Brendan Martin cup and took part in a Q&A session with students that had a focus on the girls journey into the Dublin team, match preparation, what it's like to play for Dublin, balancing a busy training schedule around their busy lives, ways to combat the drop off rate of teenage girls in sports and also how it feels to be role models for young girls in the county. A massive thank you to Sophie and Siobhan for coming into us.



Senior Camogie: Hard luck to our senior camogie team who were beaten in their quarter final last week against St Dominic's, Cabra.

Under 16 Gaelic football: Joey's U16 Gaelic football team and staff would like to say a massive thank you to Lucan Sarsfields who sponsored our new Gaelic football jerseys with the huge help of Tom and Regina Birch. Sadly the girls lost against St Mac Daras but battled to the end.

Under 16 Basketball: Huge congrats to our U16 basketball team who have completed the pool stages of their competition, winning an incredible 5 games out of 5. This moves them onto the quarter finals of the competition. We couldn't be prouder of them.

Senior Debating: Well done to the Concern senior debaters who performed excellently in the second round of the competition yesterday. The students were debating the topic 'Boycotting is the most effective way to end fast fashion'. Well done to our debaters and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

Junior Camogie: A super performance yesterday by our junior camogie team against Loreto Balbriggan saw them progress in to the semi-finals of the Dublin schools camogie championship. The team performed brilliantly. Caoimhe Buckley was outstanding in midfield and in the forwards, Victoria Harold finished with a hat trick. The team will now play Loreto Swords next week in the semi-finals.

2026 Calendar Fundraiser: We are delighted to announce the sale of our St. Joseph's College Fundraising Calendar 2026 in aid of St. Vincent De Paul. This calendar will be available from the 24th November 2025.



Our calendars make fantastic planners, wall hangings for kitchens and offices and especially as Christmas presents to send all over the world! This year's calendar features many beautiful images of Lucan and the surrounding areas. We are very grateful to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd., MyVet and Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar once again. Calendars can be bought directly from the school (01-6281160) and will be on sale in Centra, Lucan for €10.00 from Wed. 26th November.

All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul. Please support this very worthy cause!



Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegeluca
Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Below are all our upcoming events for December 2025. **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.

ADULT EVENTS

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Knitting Group - meets every Monday from 10am to 12pm.

Poets Perch - Tuesday 2nd December at 6.30pm.

Chess Monthly Meetup - First Monday of the month going forward, 6.30 to 8pm. All levels welcome!



Lucan Library Creative Writing Group - Thursday 11th December at 10am.

Classic Film Club - Tuesday 23rd December. Tea & coffee from 5.30pm, film starting at 6pm.

Additional Adult Events

The Disconnect Project Talk – Thursday 11th December at 6.45pm. Join us for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone. Smartphone overuse has become one of the quietest, yet most powerful challenges of modern life. It is impacting how we focus, rest, and connect with others.



Join Eleanor O'Dwyer, founder of The Disconnect Project, for an empowering and relatable talk on how adults can take back control from their phone. Drawing on her own experience of breaking free from smartphone overuse, Eleanor explores how constant scrolling affects our wellbeing and shares simple, evidence-based tools to help you create a healthier relationship with your smartphone.

Booking Essential through Eventbrite/ Lucan Library.

Wreath Making Workshop – Friday 12th at 12pm. Join us for a fun and festive wreath making workshop. All materials are provided. Booking essential through Eventbrite/ Lucan Library.



BOOK CLUBS

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club – Monday 1st December at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club – Date tbd – please contact staff

Read and Eat Cook Book Club (new!) – Next meeting January 2026, Thursday 29th at 11.15

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Lucan Library is excited to be hosting our annual Christmas Craft Fair on

Saturday 13th of December from **10am - 4pm**
Local crafters will be selling plenty of handmade gifts, offering the perfect opportunity to pick up some one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting local small businesses. There will be fun for all ages, with face painting from 10am-12pm and a magic show from 12.30-1.30pm and festive music with sing-a-longs on the day!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite

YOUNGER CHILDREN

Little Wiggles Discovery Playtime! - Thursday 4th December at 10am

Reflexology for Babies and Parents - Wednesday 10th December at 10am

Storytime - Every Tuesday at 3pm - no booking required, all welcome!

OLDER CHILDREN

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite

Crafts with Elena for ages 6-8 - Tuesday 4th December at 3.30pm

Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12 - Thursday 11th December at 3.30pm

Cool Food School for ages 9-12 - Friday 19th December at 2.30pm

NEURODIVERSE EVENTS

Sensory Play for Pre-School Children - Wednesday 3rd December at 10am

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition by **Society of Old Lucan** - Soldier's Commemoration exhibition – all month

Exhibition of artworks by **Local Lucan Art Class** – all month Christmas Exhibition



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Christmas Gala

Our Christmas gala takes place this Saturday 29th November and is a sold-out event.

25 Card Drive

Date: Friday 10th October 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.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,800. The Numbers were **3, 7, 8 & 20.**

Lucky dips go to Maryanne Ryan, Donal Downes, Liam Burke, Laura Fox and the Clandillon Family. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €2,200. This draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Mary Flannery. The draw will take place at the slightly earlier time of 8.30pm this week due to the AGM taking place.



Hurling

Our Minor Hurlers are gearing up for their county final against St Jude's on Sunday 30th November in O'Toole Park at 11am. Let's get out in force and support the players and management.



Football

The intermediate football management team of Dara Keher, Martin Buchanan, Michael Treacy and Paul McGann have stepped down after two years with this team. They had moved up to this team at the start of 2024 after a number of successful seasons with the Junior A team. They put in huge work and commitment over that period in re-building this squad but were unfortunate that results did not always reflect that effort. A huge debt of gratitude is due to them for this sterling work from all in the club.

The team will be managed for the coming season headed up by Seán Newcombe & Eiven Shanahan. The remainder of the management team will be announced in due course. We wish the best of luck to the incoming team in the season ahead.

Academy

Our academy for boys and girls aged 4-7 runs every Saturday morning. All children are welcome to come along - no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try. Age group times are as follows; 2020/2021 - 9am, 2019 - 10am and 2018 - 11am.



Ladies Football

Congratulations to our Under 15 Girls who were crowned Division 10 championship winners at the weekend. Well done girls, you did yourselves and everyone in the club proud!!



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

National XC Championships 2025 - Derry

U12 - Boys 2000m

4 harriers ran the U12 - boys 2000m XC. home for Lucan Harriers was David Abbott, 17th place, with a time of 00:06:31, followed by Arda Hayes, 98th place, in a time of 00:07:00, Paul Bastable, 130th place - 00:07:10, Ben Sheridan, 146th place - 00:07:20. Well done!

U14 - Girls 3000m

1 harrier ran the U14 - girls 3000m XC. First home for Lucan Harriers was Doireann Ni Fhiaich, 108th place, with a time of 11.55. Nice running! Doireann.

U16 - Boys 4000m

1 harrier ran the U16 - boys 4000m XC. First home for Lucan Harriers was Conal Fitzgerald, 12th place, with a time of 13:20. Great Going! Conal.

U18 - Junior - Boys 4500m

1 harrier ran the U18 - Junior - boys 4500m XC. First home for Lucan Harriers was Ferdia McDonagh, 103rd place, with a time of 15:57. Great running! Ferdia.



Ferdia McDonagh

U18 - U20 Girls Combined 4500m

5 harriers ran the U18 - u20 combined 4500m. First home for Lucan Harriers was Saoirse Fitzgerald, 28th place, with a time of 00:17:25, followed by Isabel Cuffe, 53rd place, in a time of 00:17:56, Rachel Jez, 57th place - 00:18:02, Aisling Fitzpatrick, 72nd place - 00:18:25, Muireann Ni Bhuachalla, 124th place - 00:19:47. Nice running!



Saoirse Fitzgerald

U23 - Senior Women - 7500m

1 harrier entered the U23 - senior women 7500m XC. First home for Lucan Harriers was Aoife Coffey, 24th place, with a time of 29:04. Well done! Aoife.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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Light at end of Tunnel re Lucan Village Works:

On foot of a question from me at this week's Lucan Area Committee Meeting councillors were told that the works are 80-85% complete.

Footpaths will be reopened except where barriers are still needed to allow concrete to "cure". Off-road works will continue in December, including landscaping (Christmas tree and lights), paving, river wall, glass river wall, traffic signal and camera refurbishment, drinking water fountains, bollards, handrails and seating area. Early 2026 works (with associated traffic management) include installation of new public lighting and removal of existing poles and lights, build-out at Main Street (Kenny's) bus stop at Dispensary Lane; bandstand installation; night-time tarmacking at junctions (for repair following ESB and PL ducting). The Christmas tree at the Village Green will be a semi-mature pine tree that is intended to be a permanent feature of the Village Green.

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Economic Recovery Plan for Lucan Businesses:

My motion calling for an Economic Recovery Plan for Lucan village businesses was passed at this week's Area Committee Meeting. SDCC confirmed that the Economic Development Department the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) to promote Lucan as a vibrant commercial and visitor destination. I emphasised to them that any campaign must involve communication and collaboration with local businesses, ensuring approaches are co-created rather than imposed.

Road & Footpath Reinstatement Standards:

My motion calling for stricter enforcement of reinstatements on road and footpaths was passed, following many reports of sub-standard surfaces posing hazards. SDCC confirmed that *permanent* reinstatement already exceeds national guidelines, with increased inspections. I urged SDCC to ensure public communication, so residents know what is *temporary* versus permanent. SDCC agreed to more inspections for *temporary* reinstatements.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Dáil Report:

Another insanely busy week with contributions made on immigration legislation, supporting whistleblowers, protecting victims of sexual violence, outdoor seating legislation, assisting the hotel sector, meeting with EU Commissioner McGrath, and war in Sudan.

Pedestrian lights and Road Works:

Helen and I have been in touch with SDCC on multiple road and traffic plans, with mixed levels of response. Meanwhile we see several areas of land around Lucan being identified as potential areas for rezoning for housing in the next development plan. As if we hadn't already enough with Adamstown (5k out of 8k completed), let alone another 8,500 in Clonburris, the latter with few facilities and infrastructure tied in.

Traffic Calming:

A number of roads have gone to consultation for traffic calming measures. See website for details.

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

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Public Consultation Proposed Traffic Calming Programme 2026/2027:

Solutions proposed: **Meadowview Grove** (3 junction tightening's), **Sarsfield Park** (3 speed ramps), and **Moy Glas** (1 speed ramp & 2 junction tightening's). For details or to share your views go to Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie, or in writing by post to Senior Executive Officer, Roads Department, Planning and Transport, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin D24 A3XC. If you need paper copies of the proposed plans, please contact me.

Quiet Streets:

Residents asked me for additional tools to manage traffic. I successfully proposed a Quiet Streets scheme at the October 2024 council meeting; funding was secured for a pilot. At this week's Area Meeting, I successfully moved to engage **Meadowview Grove** residents as these tools may further help alleviate traffic issues on that road. The council confirmed an Active Travel Team member will meet residents to discuss options.

Political Notes continued over.....

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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It was great to meet so many of you at the free electrical recycling event that I hosted in Lucan last Friday. Thanks to Recycle IT for their ongoing support. I'll keep you updated on when the next one will take place.

Castletown House:

I welcome the news that the State is purchasing 235 more acres at Castletown House, in addition to the 237 acres already in public ownership. Work will begin soon, with the aim to be fully reopened next year. This will be great for all who enjoy this historic space.

Congrats to Lucan Special Olympics Club:

Huge congratulations to Lucan Special Olympics Club on their 20th anniversary. It was wonderful to join their celebration last Sunday. A special congratulations to athlete Kate Hoskins, who received the Special Achievement Award at the Garda National Youth Awards last weekend.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Bus Shelters:

My motion for the urgent reinstatement of removed bus shelters in Lucan passed. Shelters were lifted without notice or temporary replacements. The Committee will now write to the NTA seeking clear timelines and explanations.

Traffic Alert System:

My motion for a Lucan Traffic Alert System passed aiming to improve communication on planned and active roadworks so residents aren't blindsided by uncoordinated digs helping people plan journeys and reduce disruption.

Lands:

My motion seeking an update on lands beside Lucan Scouts and St Edmundsbury passed, progressing work to secure future community space for local groups, including the Scouts and Lucan Men's Shed pending ownership confirmation

Adamstown Post Boxes:

My motion passed requesting that South Dublin County Council write to An Post seeking the installation of public post boxes throughout Adamstown along with clarification on the criteria used and the reasons for their absence to date.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Ronanstown Local Policing Forum:

I attended the Local Policing Forum for Ronanstown Garda Station last week, where residents had the opportunity to raise concerns with Garda leadership and SDCC management. I am pleased to hear that there will be a high visibility patrol assigned to Balgaddy in the coming days; this is something I have been lobbying for.

Lucan Special Olympics:

Congratulations to Lucan Special Olympics on their 20th anniversary. I was honoured to be invited to mark this milestone at the weekend, alongside the volunteers, club members and the broader community to celebrate the club's amazing legacy.

Clinics:

I will hold my next Lucan weekly advice clinic in Adamstown Community Centre at 1pm on 1 December. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact 01-6184128.

Maynooth Road, Celbridge (beside Salesian College)



Our Christmas Tree Sale Starts this week!

Spruce up your Christmas season and support your local community -all in one!

We're delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser Sale kicks off this **Saturday, 29th November - Sunday the 14th of December.**

Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday to Sunday 10am -5pm

Thank you for supporting us this Christmas!



Festive Origami Star Workshop

Join Martina McDonald for a festive Origami Star workshop in the cosy setting of the ACRE Project in Celbridge. Origami Star Workshop

Dates: Saturday 6 December or Saturday 13 December. Time: 12:15pm to 1:45pm,

<https://www.martinamcdonald.com/shop/p/origami-star-workshop>

Festive Wreath-Making Workshop at ACRE

Saturdays, 6th December, 13th December.

Time: 10:00am – 11:30am.

<https://www.martinamcdonald.com/shop/p/wreath-workshop>

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It was back to work last Friday and Donal organised a working group on still life photography in the parish centre. It was a very enjoyable morning and Michael G submitted a couple of examples of what is possible in this genre of photography. This Friday the members of the Soiree adjourned to the Springfield Hotel for their annual Christmas lunch.

It's nice to report that the number of viewings of the exhibition video on the group's YouTube channel continues to rise. The link to the YouTube channel is <https://youtu.be/dJUNXxpYWo>.



Kay submitted a nice view of Lough Owel, situated north of Mullingar. It is a fresh water lake and it is possible to swim in it all year round. Water from the lake feeds the Royal Canal. Kay also submitted a photo that had all the members guessing. Apparently, it was taken in her conservatory!

Donal ended up in north Co. Dublin and submitted photos of Loughshinney harbour with its colourful boats and of the shoreline. The Irish name of the village, which lies midway between Skerries and Rush, is Loch Sionnaigh, meaning 'lake of the fox'. According to Fingal County Council's website Loughshinny's more famous landmarks are the Martello Tower on the nearby headland of Drumanagh, which is one of 12 built in 1805 at strategic points along the coast of Fingal to defend against Napoleonic invasion, and some unusual rock formations visible on some of the many coastal walks in the area.



Stay safe till next week!