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Sunday 9th November 2025

I'm Sorry for Your Loss!

I never understood how it was OK to use the phrase *I'm sorry for your loss* until I experienced loss last year myself. Before this it seemed so banal and empty as a phrase and just a matter of uttering something on encountering people just bereaved. However, I now really value it as an expression as it doesn't intrude on one's feelings or experience. It's a phrase of acknowledgement. It doesn't jar in the way that *I know how your feeling* might, as feelings are as unique as the individual and circumstances concerned. Similarly, the question *Are you OK?* sits comfortably too, as it allows the bereaved person to either stop that particular part of the conversation or to elaborate.

This month of November is a stirring time for anyone who has ever experienced loss of a loved one through death. It is a time to recognise the need to stand on the threshold again glancing both ways towards memories and towards a way of being now. It is a time of communal reflection on life and death for those who are in this space and a time to hold one another with care. It may be a very difficult time for many if the death has left an irreplaceable wrenching gap or an aching pain that is very slow to ebb. It may also be a very challenging time if family dynamics pull people further apart rather than together. No assumptions can be made about the relationship between the departed and the individually bereaved.



The feelings and experiences of grief really are as individual as the person concerned. Kubler Ross and other psychological theorists have defined stages of grief. However, I don't believe that there is anything clinical about grief as, for some, there might be one or two dominating feelings or thoughts while others may have a whole myriad in no recognisable order at all. The circumstances of death play greatly on the experience of grief and the unfolding of feelings.

There may be obstructing factors to permitting feelings to surface, such as rushing into dealing with the needs of other vulnerable people in the family or a denial that one is entitled to claim one's own grief space. Some may have gone through grief long before the loved one died and crossed the threshold to almost never return without anything being right or wrong in this. Grief doesn't have a particular time of beginning or ending as the way of being without one's loved one/s evolves.

Every day we stand beside people who are grieving! In this month of November may we pray for, listen to, be with... those who carry the burden of loss, recent or otherwise. May we hold our departed loved ones fondly in our hearts as each of the departed made an imprint on our lives in some manner. May they rest in Peace!

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

Science Week 2025 runs from 9th to 16th November 2025. www.scienceweek.ie

Leap Cards for Children

Please note: Children aged 0-4 inclusive travel free on TFI services. Children aged 5 to 8 can now travel free on Transport for Ireland (TFI) services with a **Child (5-8) TFI Leap Card**.



What are voluntary social insurance contributions?

Paying social insurance can help you to qualify for social insurance payments, such as the State Pension (Contributory). If you are an employee Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) deductions are made from your earnings each week.

If you are no longer an employee or if you are self-employed and you are no longer making compulsory PRSI contributions, you can opt to make voluntary contributions. If you are getting a social welfare payment or signing for credits you may get credited contributions which will also keep your social insurance record up to date.

Voluntary contributions can help maintain your social insurance record and help you to qualify for social insurance payments in the future. They cover long-term benefits such as pensions. They do not cover short-term benefits for illness,

maternity, paternity, jobseekers, occupational injury or treatment benefit schemes. They also cannot be used to meet the PRSI rules for Invalidity Pension.

You can pay voluntary contributions if you:

Are no longer covered by compulsory PRSI in Ireland

Are no longer covered by PRSI on a compulsory or voluntary basis in another EU country

Meet the age conditions – see below

Age conditions for paying voluntary contributions

You pay voluntary contributions if you are under 66.

You can also pay voluntary contributions if you are aged between 66 and 70, as long as you were born after 1 January 1958 and you do not get the State Pension (Contributory).

Working outside the EU

If you are working outside the EU and not subject to Irish or EU social insurance contributions, you may also opt to pay voluntary contributions.

Changes to PRSI requirements for voluntary contributors

Since 6 April 2015 you need 520 paid PRSI contributions (10 years) to be eligible to make voluntary contributions:

People who became voluntary contributors after 6 April 2014 and before 6 April 2015 needed 468 PRSI paid contributions (9 years)

People who became voluntary contributors after 6 April 2013 but before 6 April 2014 needed 364 PRSI paid contributions (7 years)

You can check whether you are eligible to make voluntary contributions on our website.

Rates

There are three rates of voluntary contributions. The rate of voluntary contribution you pay is linked to the last PRSI contribution paid or credited by you. More information is available about on our website or in the CIC office. paying social insurance.

Cancer Screening is a way to find cancer before any symptoms appear in your body.

In Ireland, there are three free screening programmes, run by the National Cancer Screening service: Breast cancer screening, bowel cancer screening and cervical cancer screening

Irish Cancer Society Freephone support line 1800 200 700

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Last week we had some new people who joined us, they appeared to be distant relations of some club members.



We will have to check if these people (some dangerous looking characters, who ate all the Halloween Brack) will qualify for membership. The jury is out.

New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there, Lots of activities to enjoy - Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lucan Drama

Well, that was some craic.....

We had an absolute ball presenting our recent evening of One Act plays and thanks to our ever-supportive Lucan audiences it really did feel like a community coming together to create a little magic in Lucan village.



Huge thanks to all the team in Courtney's who went above and beyond in providing a great space for all concerned, to all the staff at the Lucan Newsletter for getting the word out to the wider community but above all to you, the people of Lucan for keeping us going.

We'll be back with more very soon.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 10th November: Craft Group continue with their embroidery, crochet and

knitting projects, some in preparation for Christmas.

Teas Hostesses: Patricia Hardigan and Mary Coyle.

Thank you all so much to our members who donated filled shoeboxes and money for the Hope Foundation. These will bring joy and happiness to little children in Eastern Europe and Africa at Christmas.

We send heartiest congratulations to Anne Beales who became a great grand mother to a baby girl named Kaia, recently.

Thanks to Sally for a lovely class of exercises to music every Monday. We are all limbering up well in time for the festive season.



ST. MARY'S CAMERA SOIRÉE

13TH EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS



ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTRE

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER
6PM TO 7.30PM

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
10AM TO 1.30PM

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 12th November: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.



We will have a Mass for our deceased members at 11.30am.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses live-streamed onwww.lucanparish.com

Annual Mass of Remembrance

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

Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm

At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the past 12 months will be especially remembered.

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

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

All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Devotion: St Faustina made this request of Jesus on the day of her perpetual vows. "Jesus, I plead with You for the souls that are most in need of prayer. I plead for the dying; be merciful to them. I also beg You, Jesus, to free all souls from Purgatory"

We can help in a special way the souls in Purgatory by **obtaining for them a Plenary Indulgence, one each day from the 1st to 8th November, by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead, our deceased relatives and friends and souls who have no one to pray for them.**

The 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*" gains a partial indulgence and can be prayed all year even while passing a cemetery.

The conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

- Go to Confession within 20 days.
- Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope's intentions: one Our Father and one Hail Mary are sufficient.
- Detachment from sin: There must be no sin a soul is unwilling to renounce.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

RETREAT in Daily Life Pre-Advent 2025

Sun 23rd - Fri 28th November

Would you like to give some time to... **Reflect – Pray – Get in touch with God in your life?**

If so, perhaps this is for YOU!

The retreat involves committing yourself to -

Setting aside 30 minutes each day for reflection with scripture.

Meeting with a Spiritual Guide each day, at a time that suits you.

For more information please contact:

Sr. Julie - 086 8476734, Agnes -087 9720717

Aine - 086 0561497

St. Vincent de Paul –

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 8th/9th November.

Many thanks for your generosity.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 10th November

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

ARE YOU AGED 18 – 35?

**AND WANT TO EXPLORE A
RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?**

**SOCIALIZE WITH OTHERS YOUR AGE AND
DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF
THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?**



**JOIN US FIRST
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ESKER, LUCAN
@ 7.30PM FOR AN HOUR OF CATECHETICAL INPUT, ADORATION AND
FRATERNITY**

**THIS MONTH'S CATECHETICAL INPUT IS BY
FR. BILL O'SHAUGHNESSY ON CHRISTIAN PRAYER**

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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

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

THIS Friday November 7th at 7.00pm.

All are welcome.

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.

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

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

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **NEXT Sunday 16th November**
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

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

QUOTE:

Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates:

At the first gate, ask yourself,

"Is it true?"

At the second gate ask,

"Is it necessary?"

At the third gate ask,

"Is it kind?"

Rumi

Anniversaries



Paddy Clerkin

6th Anniversary, 7th November

Will those who think of Paddy today,
a little prayer to Jesus say.

*Lovingly remembered by Gerard
and extended family.*

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us,
St Bernadette pray for us.

Michael Kinsella

4th Anniversary, 8th November

In loving memory of our beloved son Michael.
Think of you every day and our lovely
memories of you.

*Loved, missed and remembered always
Your heartbroken Mum and Dad Lil and Joe*

Joanie Kelly

29th Anniversary, 11th November

Late of Sarsfield Park
What we'd give to skip up the garden path,
charge through the front door and ask 'what's
for tea tonight mammy?'

Also remembering her beautiful daughter
Margaret who died on November 13th 2004.
Sadly missed by all the family.

Joan O'Flynn

16th Anniversary, 12th November

Remembering our friend and colleague, Joan.
Lucan Newsletter Team

Tommy Thompson

6th Anniversary, 12th November

Special Dad

A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here.
Never more than a thought away,
loved and remembered every day.
*Missed and loved so much, your loving
daughter Sharon and son in law David.*

Grandad Tommy

A Golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go,
God only takes the best.
*Missed and loved so much by your loving
grandchildren Jake, Luke and Faye*



Archdiocese of Dublin

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Bicentenary Weekend

Marking the 800th Anniversary of St Laurence O'Toole's Canonisation

FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER

12 NOON

Mass for the Feast of St Laurence O'Toole
with Archbishop Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

5.30PM

Choral Vespers for the Feast of St Laurence O'Toole
with the Palestrina Choir

SATURDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER

7PM

Hope Concert – music, joy and hope
with the SHALOM Catholic Community

SUNDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER

11AM

Sunday Mass to mark the anniversaries
with Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin

3.30PM

Concert: GLORIA Vivaldi and works by Handel, Bach and Mozart
with the Palestrina Choir, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir
and Marlborough Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Blánaid Murphy



AnamCara
Supporting Parents after Bereavement

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 10th 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 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

PLEASE SHOUT STOP!

This is a letter that so many of us really didn't want to write but the heart has been torn out of our village by a construction that nobody seems to support.

The brutalist concrete awfulness will become a focus of anti-social behaviour if our current level of non-policing continues.

Whoever planned this monstrosity has obviously not thought of how the Emergency Services can navigate a traffic plugged area especially since blocking one lane may block all routes in and out of what was a vibrant village.

Of course, we need to use our cars less and our public transport more but there are essential trips that many agencies must make by using vans and cars. That is why despite the anti-road lobby we need bypasses that were proven to cut accidents and deaths.

The splitting of the Old Dublin County Council into three areas has left Lucan a peripheral location where our representatives have no control.

The village businesses which are the beating heart of the community are in real trouble by this mish mash of poor and quite shoddy planning. Are these the same planners who put traffic lights on the M50 which cost a billion euro to fix??

What really galls is that these planners can make mistake after mistake and unlike the rest of us will answer to nobody.

Could we please stop, stop now, review and start with something more reasonable?

Tony Feeney, Lucan Heights



Weary of it all.....

Many of us are at the end of our tether with all the construction / road works going on all over Lucan.

Much as we want to believe it, it does not look

like any of the jobs supposed to be completed by November, will be finished.

On top of that, roads are being dug up all over the place, and last weekend saw chaos as lights were out at the Esker Church junction. Further traffic light problems seem to arise regularly near the Penny Hill junction.

Aontas Choir Present

An Evening of Christmas Music and Carols

Featuring Special Guests,
St Joseph's NS Choir, Kilcock
&
Lucan Community College Choir

Wednesday 10th December 2025
Venue: St Patrick's Church,
Lucan, Co. Dublin
Time: 7:30pm

€5 admission
Aontas Philippines Volunteering Trip

Refreshments will be served following the concert

SOL Fest! Well done to the **Society for Old Lucan**, on their very first Sol Fest on Saturday last. We heard some very favourable reports on the day.



Some of the participants in Lucan Demesne on Saturday last.



Craol, the representative body of Irish Community Radio stations held their Gala dinner & Achievement awards in

the Charleville Park hotel on the 28th of October. Congratulations to Robert Neary, presenter & producer of "Lucan's Community Hour" who won a Gold award in the Access & Inclusion category & to Deven O Kearney who won a Gold award for "Ceol Nua" in the Social Benefit Music category.

Lucan's Community Hour is broadcast at 3pm every Wednesday and **Ceol Nua** is broadcast at 12pm on Saturdays.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook or Instagram

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community radio station!



Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and

Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Things are getting busier and brighter here at Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre, and we're delighted to share some of the great activities and improvements happening in your local community.

What's On at the Centre:

- **Baby & Toddler Group**
- **Art Classes** – for kids and adults
- **Irish Dancing**
- **Yoga Classes**
- **Active Over 55s** – Zumba classes this month, followed by tea and coffee
- **Sound Bath Classes**
- **Good Grief Café** – a supportive space for those who have been bereaved

We also have a few free slots available for renting our space. If you're interested in hosting an event or activity, get in touch!

For more information, contact Stephen at info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie or call 085 867 1245.

Set Dance/Ceili Class



in
Palmerstown Parish Centre
every **Monday night**
at **8:30pm.**
Admission is **€5** with
tea & biscuits incl.

Simply the Best!

Bringing on back the good times!

Social Club for over 50s meets every Saturday night.

Activities include social nights out and day trips.

Phone 083 3434480



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Joeys PAL team en route to Chicago: Wishing our fantastic PAL Team all the very best in Chicago this weekend. Our team of 27 5th years have finally made the trip, on Wed 5th November, along with their 5 teachers, to compete in the International Mock Trial Competition. The team and teachers have been planning and preparing since June to make the trip and all the hard work and joint effort has certainly paid off. We are so grateful to all who have supported our fundraising, attended our events and have helped out along the way. We look forward to competing alongside over 40 other schools from around the world, both prosecuting and defending the competition case. There will be time for site-seeing too and students hope to call to the Irish Consulate, the Whitney Young High School and the much anticipated NBA Chicago Bull game also. We know our team of legal eagles will do the school, their families, Lucan and Ireland proud as they represent us with a great team effort on Saturday and Sunday. Follow our school's Instagram page to keep track of the students' progress and trip.



Senior Camogie: Hard luck to our senior camogie team who were beaten in their championship quarter this week against St. Dominics, Cabra.

Hockey in St Joseph's:

Well done to the first year hockey team that had a great 2-1 win before the mid term break against Loreto Dalkey in the Leinster League. This Wednesday our Junior hockey team play Rosemount in their first game of the Leinster League competition.

Grinds 360 partnership: The school is delighted to announce that we have joined the Grinds 360 School Partnership Programme. This gives all our

6th year students full access and membership to the platform. Grinds360 is an Irish educational technology company that provides grinds for Leaving Cert and Junior Cycle students, using a hybrid model of live, online classes, on-demand video lessons, and in-person workshops.



Senior Dublin football team:

This week we were delighted to celebrate the All Ireland Winning Dublin Ladies football team to the school with the Brendan Martin Cup. Representing the team was our very own Ms. Farrell who was a selector on the team, past pupil and player on the team Sophie McIntyre and Siobhan Birnie.

Sister Act musical – get your tickets now!



Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Christmas shoe-box: This year's Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal has been a truly heart-warming success story within our school community, showcasing the generosity, teamwork, and compassion that define our students. Thanks to the incredible effort and organisation of our ERST Student Committee, we collected a record-breaking total of 96 shoeboxes, each one carefully filled with toys, gifts, and surprises destined to bring joy to children in need this Christmas.



The Team Hope Shoebox Appeal is an annual initiative that encourages people across Ireland to fill shoeboxes with small but meaningful gifts — items such as toys, school supplies, clothes, and hygiene products — to be distributed to children living in poverty around the world. For many of these children, it may be the only gift they receive this Christmas, making each box a powerful symbol of kindness and hope.

This year, our students went above and beyond. Not only did we surpass all previous records for the number of boxes collected, but we also raised an impressive amount of money to support the appeal. The non-uniform day held on the last day before mid-term break generated a fantastic €500, thanks to the generosity of students, staff, and families. In addition, the ERST Student Council tuck shop raised a further €300, which was used to purchase additional items and fill a number of extra shoeboxes.

Talent Show: The 2025 edition of our annual School Talent Show took place on Friday, 24th October, and once again it proved to be one of the most exciting and enjoyable events of the school year.

As has become tradition, the entire show was streamed live into every classroom from 9 a.m., allowing everyone to enjoy the performances together in a shared spirit of celebration. This year, 25 acts competed, each one recorded at home and submitted for inclusion in the virtual event.

This year's show offered an extraordinary variety of performances, reflecting the diverse range of interests and abilities among our students. The acts included everything from gun slinging tricks and animations to short movies, singers,

musicians, and guitar medleys. We were treated to oboe performances, speed Rubik's Cube solving, 25km running challenges (expertly edited, of course!), and impressive displays of basketball skills and dance routines.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Carey announced the top three acts over the intercom. The excitement was palpable as each name was read out, followed by loud cheers echoing through

every corridor.

In third place was Adam Young, a 6th yr student whose unique interpretation of Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" delighted audiences.

Taking second place was Luke Melinn, a former winner of the Talent Show back in 2022. Coincidentally, Luke also chose to perform "Suspicious Minds", but with an entirely different approach. His version featured fantastic vocals enhanced by clever computer trickery that had the audience laughing out loud.



The overall winner was another 6th yr student, Jayron Sarmiento, whose breath-taking blindfolded piano medley captivated the entire school.
Continued over

Coláiste Phádraig CBS *continued....*

Having come runner-up three years ago, Jayron returned this year determined to go one better—and he certainly did! His performance combined precision, artistry, and passion in equal measure, earning him the top prize of €150.

Congratulations to all the performers, organisers, and winners for making this year's show such an unforgettable celebration of talent. We can't wait to see what next year will bring!

Soccer: Our senior soccer team had a convincing 7-0 win against Coláiste Pobail, Setanta in their opening group stage match of the Dublin Metropolitan League on Tuesday. Seán Connell (2), Sam Deegan, John Donohue, Ben Lawless, Mark McGovern and Darragh Garrigan scored the goals.

Our Transition Year team were beaten 5-2 by Castleknock College in the 1st rnd of the Leinster Cup. Paddy McGonigle and Josh Blake got the Lucan goals. The team will now compete in the Leinster Shield.

Our u15 soccer team were beaten on penalties by St. Kevin's CCC, Dunlavin (County Wicklow) in the preliminary round of the Leinster Minor Cup just before the mid-term. The game finished 0-0 after extra-time, with both defences performing very well throughout. Daniel Kavanagh managed to save two penalties in the shoot-out, but Dunlavin held their nerve when it mattered most to win 3-2.

Football: Our senior football team opened their Dublin League campaign with an emphatic 3-19 to 0-0 win against St. David's CBS Artane just before the mid-term break. Henry Greene, Cian McCormick and Ciarán Deegan got the goals while Ciarán O' Sullivan, Conor McHugh and Jack O' Dwyer were among the point scorers as Lucan cruised to a facile victory.

Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2026



Scoil Mhuire Girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2026.

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at www.smgnslucan.com. You can also email the school for an application form at: application2026@smgnslucan.com

You will need to provide with the completed application form:

A scanned photocopy of your daughter's **Birth Certificate**.

Your **daughter's PPS Number**.

And a **current household utility bill** (*proof of address*).

The closing date for applications will be Friday, 14th November 2025.

Lucan Dementia Café
Saturday: 8th of November, 2025
2pm – 5pm
St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Next 2025 date:
December 13th

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa



Blast from the past.....

The Forge was situated at the side of Bob Carroll's (*now Courtney's*) Pub. Jack Murray was the Village Blacksmith.

Pictured L-R: Just behind the horse, a young Kevin Murray (son of the blacksmith), Samson Kearns, who it was rumoured could lift a horse over his head, Blacksmith Jack Murray, young Ned Carroll, son of Bob, and Paddy Byrne.

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.



Lucan Library Creative Writing Group - Thursdays 13th and 27th November at 10am.

Classic Film Club - Tuesday 18th November. Tea & coffee from 5.30pm, film starting at 6pm.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS



Battle of the Somme' Film Screening - Tuesday 11th November at 4.30pm. On November the 11th, Lucan Library will present 'Battle of the Somme' — a landmark silent documentary filmed during the early weeks of the infamous 1916 battle. This screening offers a rare opportunity to witness authentic footage that was viewed by over 20 million viewers in its first six weeks—more than half the population of Britain and Ireland at the time. Originally created to bolster support for the war effort, the film captures the faces of real soldiers, the immense logistical scale of the campaign and the grim realities of trench warfare, with only one scene believed to be staged. The presentation features the fully remastered film courtesy of the Imperial War Museum in London. It is accompanied by a haunting new score from composer Laura Rossi, allowing audiences to experience this historic piece in its entirety as it was meant to be seen. No booking required – all welcome!

December Table Quiz – Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm. Booking essential. Staff will be taking bookings from Monday 24th November – ask at the desk to book your place, or contact us by phoning



(01) 621 6422 or emailing lucanlibrary@sdblincoco.ie, engage@ageandopportunity.ie or phone (01) 913 3922.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Events for Young Children:

Reflexology for Babies and Parents. Wednesday 12th November at 10am.

Little Wiggles Discovery Playtime. Thursday 18th November at 10am.

Musical Tots with Karen – Saturdays 8th & 29th November at 10.30am.

Events for Older Children:

Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12. Thursday 20th November at 3pm

STEAM Saturday 22nd November at 2pm. Neurodiverse Events: Sensory Play for Pre-School Wednesday 5th November at 11am. Booking all above via Eventbrite.

Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12 - Thursday 20th November at 3.30pm. Book via Eventbrite.



STEAM Saturday 22nd November at 2pm.

BOOK CLUBS

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

Monday Lunchtime Book Club - Monday 24th Nov at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club - Wednesday 26th November at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book Club (new!) - Thursday 20th November at 11.15am.

Junior Book Club - Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm.



EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group - Meets monthly. Next meeting: Friday 21st November at 10am.

My Open Library is a new service that offers extended library opening hours by allowing access to registered My Open Library members outside of staffed hours.



EXHIBITIONS

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

Exhibition of artworks by Local Lucan Art Club.

The Devil's Mill

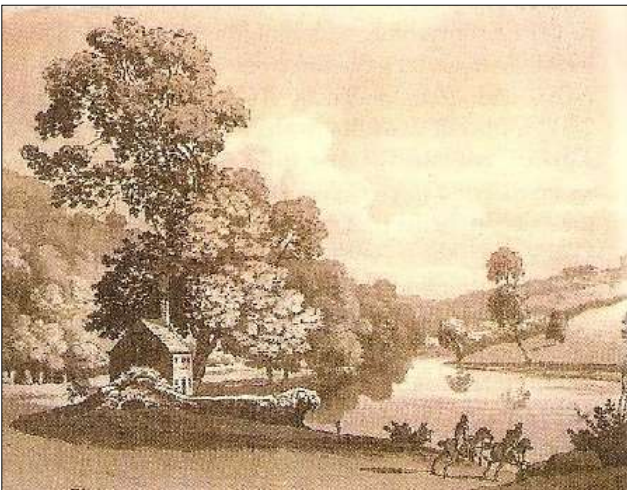
"Luttrell's Mill" was once known as "The Devil's Mill". Legend has it that it was built in one night by the devil himself!



When Henry Luttrell succeeded to the estate following the Jacobite Wars, he went from bad to worse until it is said the devil paid him a visit one night and made him an offer for

his soul. Colonel Henry agreed to its sale, but stipulated that he should not be called until he had enjoyed many years of wild life; and even then the devil should not claim his soul as long as he was able to set him an impossible task. This was agreed to.

After a reckless existence of some years, during which all the Colonel put his hand to seemed to turn to gold, the devil one night appeared, and told him his time was up. "Build me a mill by morning" said the Colonel, "on the boggawn below at the Liffey". To his amazement the startling information was brought to him in the morning, that a mill was standing on what was a snipe-bog the day before.



Copy of The Devil's Mill by Jonathan Fisher in 1792

That night the devil again appeared and on this occasion the Colonel remarked he would sooner accompany him dead than alive, so would he kindly produce a rope of sand to throttle him with. The devil immediately complied and was tying a slip-noose on it when the Colonel, now at his wit's end to know how to escape, suddenly defied the devil to silence his wife's tongue. At the same moment a loud scream was heard to proceed from the adjoining room; and on the Colonel rushing in to see what was the cause of it, he was horrified to find his wife stretched lifeless on the floor. Stricken with a great remorse at what he had unintentionally brought about, the Colonel now begged for a three-days' respite in order to be present at this wife's wake and burial; to this the devil consented.

On the night of the funeral the devil returned and found Colonel Luttrell intently reading the Bible by the light of a single rush, which he was about to renew from a bundle beside him. In an agony of terror, he beseeched for a little more time to settle his worldly affairs, but the devil's patience was exhausted, and he refused.

Again, the colonel pleaded if only to see the light of one more day; but the devil would only allow him just such time as it would take the almost exhausted to burn itself out. On hearing this the Colonel jumped up, seized the rush-holder, released the lighted rush, thrust it between the pages of the Bible, and banging down and claspings the cover extinguished the light.

With a roar of baffled rage at being outwitted, the devil disappeared from Luttrellstown, and never again troubled Colonel Luttrell, who from that night became an altered and repentant man.

This mill was situated just downstream from Shackleton's Anna Liffey Mill.

(Ref: Adapted from Lovers Legends and Short Stories of Ireland; Lucan and Lucanians 1996) Mary Mulhall



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Christmas Gala

Our Christmas gala is sold out. To join the waiting list Maggie 087 286 6581.

Ladies Football

The U13As had a disappointing end to their year being defeated in their Div1 Championship semifinal to Ballinteer on Sunday but they didn't go down without a fight. These girls have been brilliant all year, and we know the future is bright and more to come from this group as they move onto u14s really proud of them all. Thanks for all the parents support throughout the year and to Louis Copeland and Sons for sponsoring our jerseys.



The U13C girls continued their good form with a great win over St Brigids in their cup semi-final on Sunday. St Brigids started well with two goals in the opening minutes. Despite this setback, and playing against a strong wind, Sarsfields fought back to trail by only two points at half time. Sarsfields completely dominated the second half playing some excellent football and kicking some lovely scores. They were deserving winners and progress to the final against Na Fianna in two weeks. Well done girls!



Annual Mass

Our Annual Club Mass takes place on
Thursday 20th November
at
8pm in the Clubhouse.

All welcome.

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.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Political Notes

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Lucan Special School:

This week is an important one for the new school community of Lucan Community Special School. Best wishes to the students, staff and parents on this important milestone and as the school begins to welcome its students this week.

Digital inclusion for all:

Providing access to services through digital means can make things easier for a lot of people but we need to be aware of barriers to access that may exist for people who are not entirely comfortable with digital services. This is something I have raised in the Dáil and will continue to pursue. If you have feedback on this matter, please let me know.

Lucan Advice Clinics: I will hold my next weekly advice clinic in Lucan at the Muintir na Tíre Hall at 1pm on 10 November. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact 01-6184128.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Free Electrical Recycling Event:

I am delighted to host another free electrical recycling event in collaboration with Recycle IT on Friday 21st November, 10am–12pm, in Lucan. You can bring any household item with a plug or battery. Location to be confirmed, watch out for further updates.

Lucan's New Community Special School:

Congratulations to Lucan's new Community Special School, which welcomed its first students this week. This is a significant milestone for local families. Wishing every success to the pupils, parents, and staff as they begin this new chapter.

Lucan Businesses:

As Minister for Public Procurement, I am encouraging Lucan businesses to register for the Government Supply Expo next Tue 11th Nov at the Aviva Stadium. This is Ireland's largest procurement event, free to attend, with opportunities to meet public buyers and learn how to tender. Register at gov.ie/OGP

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time" Dáil office: 01 6184078.

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Dáil Report:

This week I raised the need for more transparency from the Residential Tenancies Board in terms of investigating complaints against unscrupulous landlords, highlighted the need for immigration policy debate and called on the Government to fast-track strategic investment in the electricity grid, storage and renewable generation to ensure that we can become a net exporter while meeting our energy needs and also gain income from data centres without impacting on security of supply. On the Enterprise Committee I queried the CPCC regarding resourcing needed to tackle companies breaching consumer legislation, including online.

Peace Commissioner Signatures:

I am available on Tuesday and Friday morning this week to sign any documents covered by the Peace Commissioner role (as part of my café clinics). Check on my website for locations.

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

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Meadowview Grove Traffic Calming:

Since my election in June 2024, tackling speeding, rat-running, and heavy vehicle traffic here is my priority. We are making progress: the Council is considering junction tightening at Hillcrest Close and Westbrook Park, plus safety improvements at the Hillcrest Walk T-junction. Engineers confirm changes will slow turning vehicles. I raised traffic speed and volume—a review of existing speed ramps is now planned. On HGVs, I flagged Hillcrest and Meadowview for weight restrictions; this review is underway countywide. Further investigation is required before putting a proposal forward for public consultation. I will keep you updated on progress.

Public Waste System Chapel Hill Permanent Solution:

Uisce Éireann cleared a recurring blockage and the sewer is now operating effectively. CCTV identified damage under the road. A contractor is engaged and, pending a Road Opening Licence, repair works will commence.

Political Notes continued over....

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Lucan Schools Seed Collection Project:

Helen proposed a biodiversity initiative with SDCC and local schools to collect native tree seeds (e.g. oak, birch) from Lucan Demesne for planting with students, with the aim of replanting the saplings locally. Schools interested can email Helen for details: hfarrell@cllr.sdblincoco.ie

Vandalism in Lucan Parks:

SDCC has carried out repairs due to vandalism and anti-social behaviour, including:

- Fire damage (Castlegate Playground)
- Surface/graffiti damage (Balgaddy, Airlie Park)
- Vandalised trees (Airlie, Tandy's Lane)
- Broken seats/trampoline (Griffeen, Waterstown)
- Graffiti/glass issues

Report criminal incidents / suspicious behaviour immediately to Lucan Gardaí:

01-6667300 or 999/112

Advice on anti-social behaviour from our Community Gardaí (confidential): 01-6667382

Age-friendly housing:

SDCC confirmed plans to Helen that under Age Friendly Strategy developments are underway/planned at Sarsfield Park, Somerton Gate, and Clonburris, plus future site assessments.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Free Public Wi-Fi:

I've been campaigning for free public Wi-Fi in our parks and open spaces. In response to my question the Council confirmed that Digital Services now manage the rollout of public Wi-Fi supported in part through WiFi4EU funding. A list of existing and proposed locations will be circulated shortly and I'll share details for the Lucan area once confirmed.

Solar-Powered Bins:

I've worked for some time to have solar-powered compacting bins introduced in Lucan Village through motions and budget inclusion. Following my ongoing efforts the Council confirmed that Lucan Village will be among the first areas in the county to receive these bins with installation due before year-end. I've also worked closely with Lucan Tidy Towns to ensure the project's success a well-deserved outcome for a group dedicated to keeping our village clean/tidy and welcoming.



The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



MAGIC TABLE

Try Our New Magic Table especially for people with Dementia or Adults with a learning disability.

The Magic Table is an interactive light projector which projects colourful images on to a table surface.

These images can be played with by touching the surface.

The Magic Table is suitable for people with dementia or adults with a learning disability.

If you have a family member who might benefit from such a service, please enquire at

Lucan Library

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soirée's 13th photographic exhibition will take place in the parish centre on Saturday 15th November from 6pm to 7.30 pm and on Sunday 16th from 10am to 1.30pm. We look forward to a big attendance. The exhibition will be available to view on the Soirée's YouTube channel after the close of the exhibition. The link to view the exhibition on YouTube is <https://youtu.be/dJUNXxpYWo>.

This week Joe has submitted a photograph of the current state of part of what was once our beautiful village green. One wonders will this work ever be finished and if there will be a blade of grass or a tree in it when it is!

Frances sent in a photograph of her friendly squirrel and Anna continued her travels around the west of Ireland, this time sending in a great shot of big waves in Achill.



Josie also submitted a shot that captures what must be the effects of global warming, showing the autumnal dead leaves at the base

of a tree but also new growth and in November! At the time of writing the temperature is +15 degrees. People of a certain vintage will remember when we were dealing with frost every morning on our car windscreens at this time of year!



Stay safe till next week!