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Sunday 19th October 2025

May There Be Peace on Earth!

These last few days bring the good news of the unfolding peace in Palestine. While it is wonderful, it is awful to see the destruction left as a result of the many months of relentless bombing and assault on buildings and people. Those who return to the place of original belonging find utter chaos, homelessness, lack of basic facilities and services... Worse still, is the destruction to innocent lives and the maiming of so many thousands without the recuperation supports normally provided. So many might never know where lost loved ones are, with no comfort ever found by those whose people are missing!

While a certain level of political peace will hopefully result in this situation, the hurt, grief, loss and distrust will ever persist. When we consider how difficult it is to forgive in normal circumstance, how does one find the space in one's heart to forgive for the loss of home, family, limbs, etc, how is it possible to embrace this for the families and the individuals concerned! For me, this is beyond imaginable. My fundamental possessions, place of home, family, peace of mind, physical and mental wellbeing is so precious that for all or any of that to be taken would pull the ground from under me or any of us!



As someone in the parish said to me this week, if lessons are not learnt from this and means of non-violent resolution found in conflict, almost nothing is gained from this and other awful experiences of war. We depend on means of artificial intelligence to an extreme where nothing will ever be more powerful than person-to-person dialogue with open minds and hearts. We have examples in Nelson Mandela and Gandhi and also in our own peace talks in the north of our own country! Violence is always destructive and embittering.

As we watch from our relative safe comfort here in our own country may we talk to one another and engage in conversation that is solution finding rather than embedded stagnantly in confounding or frustrating issues. May our young grow to be conversant and able in relationships as the foundation for ability to engage in peace building in the future. Many quiet and skilled negotiators from among Irish people have been active in peace talks around the world down through the decades. May we be leaven in peace through our prayer, relationships and influences.

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

Budget 2026 was announced on Tuesday 7th October 2025.

More information on Budget 2026

You can access a range of information from gov.ie:

Budget 2026 hub on gov.ie

Expenditure reports

Your guide to Budget 2026

The Budget Cycle

Tax Strategy Group Papers (setting out options for tax policy changes)

Where your money goes website

Some of the changes announced in the Budget will come into effect immediately or before the end of 2025. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2026 or later in 2026. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

Social Welfare Weekly Payments

From January 2026, the maximum rate of most weekly social welfare payments will increase by €10. There will be proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment.

The Child Support Payment weekly rate will increase by:

€8, from €50 to €58, for children under 12.

€16, from €62 to €78, for children aged 12 and over.

Christmas Bonus: In December 2025, people getting a qualifying social welfare payment will get a Christmas Bonus of 100%.

Working Family Payment: Working Family Payment income limits will increase by €60 a week for all family sizes. Working Family Payment will become a qualifying payment for Fuel Allowance in March 2026. The payment will be backdated to January 2026.

Back to School Clothing and Footwear

Allowance: Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance will be extended to include children aged 2 and 3 (if they meet the other eligibility criteria).

Carers: From July 2026, the weekly Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to: €1,000 for a single person, from €625. €2,000 for a couple, from €1,250.

The weekly income limit for Carer's Benefit will increase by €375 to €1,000 (July 2026).

Domiciliary Care Allowance will increase by €20, from €360 to €380 per month.

Fuel Allowance

Fuel Allowance will increase by €5 to €38 per week (January 2026).

People moving from Disability Allowance or Blind Pension to take up work will keep their Fuel Allowance for 5 years (September 2026). People getting Disability Allowance or Blind Pension will be eligible for Back to Work Family Dividend if they take up employment.

Wage Subsidy Scheme: The base rate of the Wage Subsidy Scheme will increase by €1.20 to €7.50 per hour, and a new rate of €8.50 will be introduced (from April 2026).

Employment Schemes: The top-up payment for people on Community Employment (CE), Tús and the Rural Social Scheme will increase by €5 to €32.50 per week. This is in addition to an increase of €10 for most weekly social welfare payments. The weekly rate for people on Job Initiative will increase by €10.

Tax: There are no changes to the tax rates and bands. There are no changes to tax credits.

Lucan Red Cross Christmas Old Folk's Party

Our Annual Old Folk's Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday 30th November** in the **Spa Hotel Lucan**.

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



You can contact Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm / 7pm or contact Liam Cullen by text or phone on 0872488743 between the hours of 6pm/7pm

Closing date for any **New Members** wishing to attend is **Monday 3rd November**. Any names we receive after the 3rd November will be put on our list for next year.

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.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 20th October: We are having our International and Group Morning at 10am – 12.30pm.

We welcome members from Castleknock and Blanchardstown Guilds. We will have our Dublin Federation President, Antoinette Rae in attendance.

Tea Hostesses: Noreen and Geraldine, Marie Trunk and Kathleen.

The competition is 'Make a Flower Arrangement in a Tea Cup or Saucer'. We hope to have lots of entries.



SOLfest 2025

Hi folks,

Book your tickets now for our 1-day mini history festival in Lucan, SOLfest 25, which runs for 1 day on 1 November 2025!



Book your ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/solfest-25-tickets-1782469758029?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

- we're looking forward to seeing you!

Ticket price €35 includes a hot lunch. Guest speaker Dr. Suzanne Pegley and a mix of other short talks, walks and workshops.

SOLfest 25 Itinerary:

9.30-10.00am

Registration— Tea/Coffee

10.00-10.15am

Welcome (Eugene McGrattan, SOL Committee)

10.15-10.45am

Archaeological discoveries in Lucan: what next? (Helen Farrell, SOL Committee)

10.55-11.25am

Photogrammetry: an introduction and a school project overview (Paul Butler, SOL Chair)

11.30-12.00pm

Information stands and displays / optional 30 minute historical discovery walk (Helen Farrell & Audi Murray O'Donoghue)

12.00-13.15pm

Lunch in Carrolls' Pub (hot meal with dessert & tea / coffee)

13.30-14.30pm

Lucan House interior walkabout with short talk on historical owners (Dr. Suzanne Pegley)

15.00-15.30pm

Pastoral landscapes and the creation of Lucan Demesne (Dr. Suzanne Pegley)

15.45-16.15pm

Lucan Memorial Campaign (Jonathan Cully, SOL Committee)

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

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.

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 on www.lucanparish.com

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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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.

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

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

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

Cuppa: Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Eddie Kelliher**, Weston and the family and friends of **Frances Mitchell**, Ardeevin,
May they in peace.





Advent Triduum

Come aside for a time of watching and waiting in this **4-night residential retreat** of prayer and stillness.

- Mon-Fri, **1-5 December 2025** (€480)
- Mon-Fri, **8-12 December 2025** (€480)

New Year Retreat

Begin the year with stillness and blessing on a **3-night residential retreat** of prayer and reflection.

Monday, 29 December 2025 - Thursday, 1 January 2026 (€390)



- ✓ Silence and serenity, conducive for personal prayers and reflections
- ✓ Daily inputs by Jesuits and/or trained spiritual guides
- ✓ Single bedroom with en-suite shower room
- ✓ Meals (breakfast, lunch, supper) and refreshments (tea, coffee)
- ✓ Beautiful private grounds, including Chapel, Prayer Room, Labyrinth

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality
426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount
Dublin 3, D03 FP52

Book Your Retreat:
reception@manresa.ie
+353 1 5529 448

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.

All are welcome.



Photos Wanted

We are looking for photographs of when the church was first built and any occasions or groups down through the last 40 years.

If you could put the photographs in an envelope clearly marked with your name, address and telephone number and drop in to Maureen in the office marked for the Attention of Miriam/Cathy.

We will be putting together a slideshow of photos for the celebration of 40 years of St. Patrick's Parish and will return the photos to you.

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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 **THIS Sunday 19th October**
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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

At 12 Noon, on Saturday 18th October,
there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick.
Refreshments will be served after this Mass.

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.

Anniversaries

John Lordan

2nd Anniversary, 17th October

A silent thought, a quiet prayer for a special person in God's care.

Your loving family Stella, Anne and Marina



Thérèse Malone

3rd Anniversary, 17th October

I still say I Love You,
But now there's no reply.
I always feel your presence
As if you never left my side.
I remember your comforting voice.
Now there's not a sound.
Only echoes from the past
Follow me around.

You're always by my side,
But I can't hold your hand.
The reason why God took you
I find hard to understand.

Summer days seem much shorter.
Dark nights just linger on.
Dreams turn into nightmares
When the one you love has gone.

But real love never fades.
It still burns like the sun.
Although they're far away,
Those memories go on and on.

Her spirit will never die
It shines like the stars.
I know you're sleeping in heaven,
But you're living in my heart.

*Always remembering Michael, Declan, Ciaran,
Christine, Rachael and Grandchildren.*

**Thérèse's Anniversary Mass is on at 12pm in
St. Patrick's Esker on Sunday 19th October.**



Paddy Martin

46th Anniversary, 23rd October

Late of Sarsfield Park and Dodsboro
Always in our thoughts

Also remembering *Mary* and *Declan*
at this time.

Philomena, Gerard and families.

**Remembered during 12 Mass this Sunday
in St Mary's.**



Joyce O'Brien

10th Anniversary

Words are few, thoughts are deep
Memories of you, will always keep
*Loved and missed each day from your loving
family. xxxx*

Jim O'Hara

13th Anniversary, 19th October

Though years have passed,
Since you've been gone,
Your love and strength still carry on.
Your guiding hand, your steady way,
Are with us every single day.
Forever missed, forever near,
In heart and memory, you are here.
*Deeply missed by your wife Chrissie, daughters
Therese, Ann, Gemma, Louise and Michelle, your
grandchildren and great grandchildren*

Birthday Remembrance

Anthony Carty

Birthday 20th October

Deep in our hearts, your memory is kept
To love, to cherish and never forget.
*Loved and missed so much from your wife Mary,
children Sandra, Gavin and Lorraine,
Grandchildren Lauren, Craig, Kellie, Hanna and
Ronan xxx*

Dan Forrest
Requiem for the Living
with works by Mendelssohn, Gounod and Elgar

Our Lady's Choral Society
Celebrating 80 years of music-making

RTÉ Concert Orchestra

Sharon Carty mezzo-soprano
Ciarán Duffy tenor
Proinnsias O Duinn conductor

Sunday 19 October, 4pm
Church of Adam and Eve
Merchant's Quay, Dublin 2

Tickets €25 from www.eventbrite.ie
Parish Shop and at the door



Lots of activity in Lucan this weekend!

Between the **Liffey Descent** on Saturday, and the **Quilt Exhibition** in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, from Friday to Sunday, we'll be meeting ourselves coming. Best leave

the car at home, or otherwise who knows???

Speaking of the Village, we note that a Christmas Circus is being advertised for the grounds of Lucan House over the holiday period. **Where in heaven's name are people going to park?**

Nothing has changed!



Last July, Birdie questioned why the above flowerbed was in such a state a year after a small fortune was spent on 'upgrading' the site. We understood that it was up to the original contractor to maintain the flowerbed, and that SDCC were following up on the matter. Three months later, nothing has changed, other than the soil is now like concrete from people walking across it as they leave their cars.

Isn't it great when the person who awards contracts can hide under the umbrella of the County Council. Let's hope it's not the same one who gave out the present village jobs!!!!

October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at sundown,
And everybody stayed.
Professor Wind played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

By George Cooper



October proved a riot to the senses and climaxed those giddy last weeks before Halloween
Keith Donohue



Wells for Zoe

Visit Number 50!

Just back from our 50th trip to Malawi with, a hope that we might squeeze in a few more, especially now that we get whizzed through the airports and lifted on and off the planes and everyone is so helpful. The downside is the trip North almost doubled from 5 hours due to new roadworks.

Then meeting and greeting and eating with about 20 next morning off to the Factory where the pumps are made, but where all the offices are, Research on tree and vegetable growing, an amazing creche for babies too. Then we have the Sewing Department where girls learn to make amazing clothes on old sewing machines, and also learn and research the making of re-usable sanitary pads for all our students and staff, (by the hundred) All managed and supervised by one of our Board members Eilis Butler, who is an absolute star in this Project and in daily contact, but added to this she is a superstar in her work in leading the preschool project with over 60 preschools in the middle of nowhere. What a woman and huge thanks to her husband Jim as well. She is very involved in the establishing of pre-school gardens close to the preschools.

Then upstairs to the offices, first is where the clinics are planned and organised. We have 16 clinics each month we use the hospital ambulances and pay for the fuel and 8 nurses where they take care of up to 300 women and 300 children and few men. In recent times we purchased a new scanning machine from Germany. When there are issues, we can link to the satellite and seek advice from one of our German surgeons from the wilderness and if needed bring them to a hospital.

Also, upstairs we have all the accountancy work to manage up to 2000 workers at peak periods Wages (cash or bank transfers, then PAYE, pensions, then delivery, some loans. Imagine all the counting and deliveries!

John and Mary Coyne
www.wellsforzoe.org



Lucan Drama

Daisy Market is a short comedy full of Dublin banter. Sit back and enjoy Nanno and Magser as they treat or is it mistreat their poor customers, with an adapted script by Michael McCormack and directed by James King.



Tickets are selling fast for next week's shows so book now to guarantee your seats.

The show runs from Monday to Thursday next. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tickets are available at
www.gr8events/lucandrama
or by using the below link.



SCAN TO BOOK

**Lucan Drama -
Bringing Drama to
your Doorstep.**



SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Junior Cert Results: We are incredibly proud of all our Lucan CC Junior Cycle 2025 students as they received their state examinations results last week. The spectacular results achieved across the board showcase the consistent hard work and effort that has gone into the last 3 years of school. Congratulations and keep up the great work.



Education Officer Visit: Thanks to Conor Reale, Education Officer at the Houses of the Oireachtas, for delivering two excellent and informative presentations to Classes Keane and Branson. Students learned about the role of the President and received valuable advice ahead of their upcoming mock presidential election. Well done to all students for their excellent participation!

Wellbeing Week: Last week in Lucan Community College was Wellbeing Week. This week brings students and staff together to focus on relaxation, creativity, and connection. A wide variety of activities were on offer, including mindful colouring, time in the reading room, multi-sports sessions, busking performances, choir singing, and key ring making.



Staff also got to take part in a friendly bake-off, making delicious swiss roll from scratch, getting to unwind and do something different after school. The week was a fantastic reminder of the importance of wellbeing and community spirit, and it left everyone feeling a little more connected and refreshed.

Lucan CC Lotto: Some exciting news, every line in our fundraiser on Thursday 23rd October 2025, has a chance to win our Jackpot and has a FREE chance to win one of three exciting Halloween Giveaway Competition prizes. This nationwide competition is open to all people who have a ticket in a fundraiser run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser' and the prizes are a €2,000 Shop Till You Drop cash prize, a €500 Amazon Ireland gift card, and 2 x concert tickets for "The Weekend".

If you already have a ticket for our fundraiser on 23rd October 2025, you will be entered into the Halloween Giveaway Competition. If you do not have a ticket, please visit our fundraiser website to join:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc>

or go to the school website.

LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HALLOWEEN GIVEAWAY COMPETITION

OCTOBER 23 2025

This nationwide competition is open to all participants who have a ticket in a fundraiser run by our service provider 'Our Fundraiser'.

 €2,000 SHOP TILL YOU DROP CASH PRIZE	 €500 AMAZON IRELAND GIFT CARD	 CONCERT THE TICKETS X 2 WEEKEND
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TO WIN

Answer a call from 'Our Fundraiser' after 7pm and answer the question correctly!

What vegetable is traditionally used to carve a lantern at Halloween?

(a) Cabbage (b) Onion (c) Pumpkin

DON'T MISS OUT!
Visit our website to join.

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/lucancc

Terms and conditions apply www.ourfundraiser.ie/terms-and-conditions

Carers & Toddlers Group

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



All Welcome!

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: We are delighted to extend our warmest congratulations to past pupil Tyler Doherty, who was selected for the Republic of Ireland amateur football team last week. Tyler, who graduated from our school in 2024, was an outstanding player during his time here. He led the line as a centre forward with energy, purpose, and determination, earning a reputation as a fast, skilful, strong, and versatile attacker. Tyler currently plays for St. Mochta's FC in the Leinster Senior League. He will now line out for the Republic of Ireland in their upcoming match against the FAI ETB National Selection on Wednesday, 29th October, at Home Farm. We are confident that he will impress the coaches.

Football: Congratulations to Lucan Sarsfields on reaching the Dublin Senior 1 Hurling Championship Final for the first time in 12 years after overcoming Ballyboden St. Enda's at Parnell Park on Sunday. Past pupil Ben Coffey was player-of-the-match with a sensational 1-11 while Matthew McCaffrey, Colm Walsh, Liam Garigan and Ciarán Dowling all played significant roles in the team's brilliant victory. It is great to see so many of our past pupils do so well with their club and we wish them the best of luck in the Final against Na Fianna, which will take place next Saturday at 7pm in Parnell Park.

1st yr news: Last Thursday, our 1st yr students gathered with their grandparents and special loved ones to celebrate a beautiful and meaningful Mass in St. Mary's Church in Lucan. This special occasion marked the beginning of their journey in our school community and served as a moment of welcome, reflection, and hope for the years ahead. The atmosphere on the day was warm and uplifting, with families filling the church and showing their support. A special word of thanks to our student readers and those who brought up the gifts – they all did a great job. A sincere thank you to all who attended and supported the Mass – especially the grandparents and special family members whose presence made the day even more meaningful. It was a lovely occasion, wonderfully presided over by Fr. Ubaldo as usual, and the students themselves gave very positive feedback to Ms. Peel afterwards.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams concluded the group stages of their East Boys A League last Wednesday with matches against Coláiste Éanna. The senior match was just to decide the group winners as both teams had

already qualified for the knockout stages having won their 1st three games. Coláiste Éanna proved to be just a little stronger as they won the game 70-56. Lewis Adjinakou (25), Aaron McCormack (17) and Grantas Matulevicius (7) got the majority of Lucan's scores. Our u16 team were beaten 60-8 in their game and they will now compete in the Plate competition.

Transition Year: Last Thursday afternoon, another group of Transition Year students had the fantastic opportunity to experience the thrill of rowing, as they travelled to Islandbridge for a session with the expert team at the Municipal Rowing Centre.



During the session, students were introduced to key rowing techniques. They began with the catch – the moment the oar blade enters the water – followed by the drive, where they pushed back using their legs to power the boat forward. Then came the finish, where they pulled the oar handle to their body, and finally the recovery, where they glided back into the starting position in a smooth, controlled motion. Timing, coordination, and teamwork were essential, and the students quickly realised the importance of rhythm and communication in making the boat move efficiently.

Back on land, they also had a chance to use the rowing machines (ergometers), which are a great way to build core strength and cardiovascular fitness. The students all had a great day.

Hurling: Our u16 hurlers began their Dublin Junior Hurling League campaign last week with a 7-6 to 3-5 win against Coláiste Cois Life in their 1st group stage game. Andrew Kiernan scored a remarkable 4-1 while Aaron Farrell added a further two goals with driving finishes from the edge of the D. Lucan have one more group game, against Maynooth PP, and a win would secure top place in the group and a home 1-4 final in the knockout stages of the competition.

St. Joseph's College

Public Access to Law: St Joseph's College has the distinct honour of sending a team of 27 students to represent our school at the Public Access to Law Team International Empire Mock Trial Competition in Chicago this November. This is a remarkable achievement, as our students will be competing in one of the most prestigious mock trial events on the international stage. To support the fundraising for the trip we are running the Chicago Super Draw which has a grand prize of €2000 plus 5 weekly draws for €200, €100 and €50. Entry to our weekly draw will cost €10 and those who enter all 5 weekly draws (€50) will be entered into the super draw for €2000. For tickets and competition details please use the link



<https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ChicagoSuperDraw> or use the QR Code. Tickets can also be purchased from our school office.

MFL Quiz: Last week the MFL department held a quiz for all TYs to mark European Day of Languages 2025. The students completed a quiz incorporating all the languages currently being thought and learned in the school each day.

Senior Camogie: Best of luck to our senior camogie team who play their second championship group game on Wednesday against St. Raphaela's in Stillorgan.

Anti Bullying Week: This week in the school is anti-bullying week and the Student Council have been working hard to put together a new anti-bullying

campaign that ties in with the departments Bi Cinealta campaign. The slogan of the campaign is 'Be Kind' with the subtitle 'We are all coming from a different place'. A huge

thank you to Amy Hildebrandt in 6th year who made the poster for the campaign which includes 'Be Kind' in all of the languages of the students in our school. A big thanks to Ms. Banks for all her continued excellent work with the student council.



Junior Gaelic Football: Well done to our junior Gaelic football team who had a brilliant win in their first championship game against Lucan Community College.

Junior and Senior Basketball: Best of luck to the u16 and u19 basketball teams who will play Loreto on the Green this Wednesday.



Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

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 Library – October Events



Halloween and Mid-Term Events for Children

Halloween Art and Creativity for ages 9-12 years

Thursday 30th October at 3.30pm

Arts and Crafts for 6-8s

Thursday 23rd at 3.30pm

3D Printing for ages 9+ With Jen

Thursday 30th October at 12 pm

Viking Show with Knights for Hire

Fun for all the family

Thursday 30th October at 2 pm and 3 pm

Card Swap for Kids

Friday 31st October at 2.30pm
All Welcome

**Booking through Eventbrite
Essential for all children's events**

Coding Ireland Workshops for Kids with Coding Ireland.

On Wednesday 29th October.

11am intro for coding ages 6-8

12.30pm LED lights workshop
for ages 9-12

2pm Coding cars for teens ages
13+

Book your place on Eventbrite from 22nd
October: please check out Eventbrite for full
details.



Storytime – Tuesdays at 3pm

No booking required – all
welcome

Children's Book Festival

2025 runs nationally this
October and is a great
opportunity for young people,
parents, teachers and libraries
to celebrate books and reading!



Wednesday Book Club

Wednesday 29th October at 7pm
New member's welcome



Talk on Neurodiversity with Melissa Moore

On Wednesday at 6.30pm

Knitting Group

Meets every Monday
10am – 12 pm
No booking required



Creative Writing Group

Thursday 23rd October 10
am – 12 pm
New members most
welcome



**Tuesday 21st at 5.30pm: Lucan
Library Classic Film Club- all
welcome**

Exhibitions:

Exhibition by Society of Old Lucan 6th – 10th of
October

Exhibition on Jane Austen for Red Line Book
Festival 13th – 18th

Closed Bank Holiday Weekend

**Saturday 25th – 27th
Monday October
inclusive**

Lucan Senior Citizens



On Wednesday 15th October, the Parish Centre was rocking to the music of The Rams, from Newcastle.



Everyone enjoyed the sing along and dancing – even Billy couldn't resist!



*Wednesday 22nd
October: Social
Morning in St.
Mary's Parish
Centre from
10.30am to
12.30pm.*



ACRE
project

A COMMUNITY RETHINKING
ITS ENVIRONMENT

Maynooth Road, Celbridge (beside Salesian College)



ACRE Book Club - Expressions of interest

The ACRE Book Club is also returning after a short summer break and will meet next on Thursday, 17th of October.

New members are always welcome, and the group is currently looking for expressions of interest.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact: harry@acreproject.com for more details

The ACRE Gardening Club Returns!

We're delighted to announce that the ACRE Gardening Club is back after a short summer break. Meetings on the first Friday of each month:
Friday, 7th November
Friday, 5th December

If you'd like to register your interest, please get in touch. Frances@acreproject.com

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**Would you like to improve your
conversation Irish?**

A small group of people meet in
the Parish Centre every Wednesday
morning at 10.30am for one hour.

Beidh Fáilte Romhat!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Senior Camogie County Final

Best of luck to our Senior Camogie team heading into their first county final since 2016 — and our third ever! They are



chasing a first-ever senior title for the club, and they need your support to make it happen.

Friday 17th October - 7:30pm- Parnell Park

Tickets can be purchased through the following

link: <https://www.universe.com/events/dublin-camogie-go-ahead-ireland-senior-final-st-vincents-v-lucan-sarsfields-tickets-89Y02V?ref=share-widget-buffer>

Let's get out in numbers, wear the green, white and black and roar on the girls!

Junior F Hurling Champions

Congratulations to the Junior B Hurlers on their championship win on Sunday. Full time. Score: Lucan Sarsfields 0-16 to StJames Geals An Caislean 0-13.



Hurling

Both our Senior Hurling and Inter Hurling teams have reached their respective finals. They will be played on the weekend of the 25th/26th of October. Make sure to save the date!

Lucan Sarsfields inter hurlers advanced to the Championship final after a commanding performance against Crumlin at 12th Lock. Despite the cool and overcast conditions, Lucan's attack was red-hot, firing over 30 points in a dominant display of accuracy and work rate. Crumlin battled hard and found the net twice through their number 12, but they were outgunned by Lucan's relentless point-taking and superior movement around the middle third.

Preliminary date for final is Sunday 26th October at 2 pm in Parnell Park, all support is welcome
Final score Lucan 1-30 Crumlin 2-14



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,400. The Numbers were **6, 8, 22 & 28.**

Lucky dips go to Catherine Ritchie, Donal Downes, Tomás Forde, Aimee Clyne, Hickey Family.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,800. This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing LTD. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code.



25 Card Drive

Our 25 Card Drive will be back every Friday until 8th May 2026 in the Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse Bar at 8.00pm Sharp. 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. Entry is €5 per player, and 1st prize is €50 (if 12 or more players),

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information



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.

Cúpla Focal Club

Our Cúpla Focal club is back and open to new faces. This is a FREE conversational class for beginners and improvers. Running every Monday 8-9pm. Located upstairs in Lucan Sarsfield's Club House.

Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com to book your place.

**Thank You for supporting
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**

LUCAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXTRA!

1st Year Applications are now open for 2026/27. Applications can be made online through our website <https://lucancc.ie/parents-guardians/admissions/> from 9am on 2nd October 2025 up to the closing date at **5pm Friday 24th October 2025.**

Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin Rep

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Primary Care Centre: Councillors and local area representatives were invited to a site visit of the new Primary Care Centre to be situated at No. 1 Adamstown Boulevard and soon to open. This is of course welcome news but a long overdue facility that both myself and my Sinn Féin colleagues have been calling for. The lack of GP and basic healthcare services more generally continues to be a problem for our growing population across Lucan.

School Wardens: A number of residents have raised concerns regarding road traffic safety concerns near to Adamstown Community College on Castlegate Terrace. I have asked South Dublin County Council to conduct a review of the school warden arrangements during drop-off and collections times. I have received a response stating that this will be reviewed at the next scheduled Traffic Management Meeting.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 618 3013. Insta: @emerhigginstd

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Christmas at Lucan House: Lucan's own Broken Theatre brings festive magic to Lucan House with a Christmas Circus from 21st November to 4th January, supported by SDCC. It's a wonderful opportunity for local families to enjoy a Christmas event right here in Lucan. Visit @brokentheatre Instagram page for info.

Best of Luck Lucan Sarsfields Senior Camogie: Wishing Lucan Sarsfields Senior Camogie team the very best in the county final this Sunday, Oct 17th at 7:30pm in Parnell Park, we're all behind you.

Attention Lucan Businesses: As Minister with responsibility for Public Procurement, I'm encouraging Lucan businesses to register for the Government Supply Expo on Nov 13th at the Aviva Stadium. This is Ireland's largest public procurement event. Free of charge, it's a fantastic opportunity to meet public buyers, explore contracts and learn how to tender successfully. Register at gov.ie/OGP

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

(085)2551602. CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

More Pitches: Since being elected last year, I've consistently highlighted the need for more pitches so young people can access sport. Thank you to Lucan clubs who spoke with me about your needs. I was pleased to bring your concerns to the Council this week with a motion calling for additional pitches. The good news: the motion was agreed, and the CEO confirmed there is funding and potential for more pitches in the capital programme. I'll continue

working with you on this issue and keep you updated on progress.

Leaves: Following requests, road sweep of Griffeen Avenue is organised and biodegradable bags provided for Weston cleanup. Biodegradable bags are available from Tallaght or Clondalkin offices. Road sweeps and bag collections can be requested by emailing publicrealm@sdblincoco.ie. Alternatively, please contact me and I will arrange. **Road Sweeping Schedule** is available at oxygen.ie/table/sdcc/

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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HSE Primary Care Centre Coming to

Adamstown: I was delighted to attend the official opening of the HSE Adamstown Primary Care Centre on Wednesday, alongside representatives from HSE, Evara, SDCC, and fellow Local Councillors. This four-storey, accessible facility (with lifts) will open Q1 2026. It will house two HSE Primary Care Teams, HSE Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services, and a full GP service, bringing vital healthcare services to the area. Accessible by L51, L52, L53, C2, X30 and 4-minute walk from The Crossings' carpark.

Double-Yellows Reinstated Chalet Gardens:

After three separate representations to SDCC over months, double-yellow lines at Chalet Gardens and busy junction with the Dublin Road—were finally repainted. This addresses ongoing concerns about dangerous parking at the junction, which had posed risks to drivers, pedestrians, and schoolchildren alike.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell "Not just at election

time" Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Dáil office: 01 6184078. WhatsApp: 0892364871.

Dáil Report: My contributions this week included highlighting the hidden costs of disability, discussing funding for housing provision and supporting families affected by defective blocks. I also reported increasing numbers of drivers using bus lanes and dangerously breaking red pedestrian lights, something raised by many constituents. During Thursday's Government counter-motion of confidence in Simon Harris, I used my two-minute slot to support calls for a meaningful inquiry into the historic mistreatment of children and young people living with Scoliosis and Spina Bifida. I attended a briefing on Tuesday (hosted by Senator Tom Clonan) which really brought home the horrific way so many patients and their families were treated by Children's Health Ireland and the system in general. Successive Governments have failed to respond adequately, and ongoing pressure is needed.

Political Notes continued....

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Driving test waiting times: Driving test waiting times are not where they need to be in Tallaght and for people in Dublin Mid-West, despite the overall improvement nationally. I quizzed the RSA on this when they appeared before the Transport Committee recently and they have informed me that the second test centre for South Dublin will be open in the immediate future.

Adamstown Careers Fair: I was honoured to officially open the recent Careers Fair in Adamstown Community College last week. It was wonderful to see the wide array of career options presented, including further education and training. Well done to the organisers of this very worthy event.

Lucan Advice Clinics: I will hold my next weekly advice clinic in Lucan at Ballyowen Community Centre at 1pm on 20 October.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

Ph: 0872795274

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Outdoor Chess Tables: I'm delighted to share that my efforts to have outdoor chess tables installed in our local parks have been successful. Following my motion to the Area Committee the provision of outdoor chess tables will be included in the 2026 Public Realm Improvement Works Programme. From January 2026 we should begin to see these great new additions appearing in our open spaces encouraging community interaction, outdoor activity and friendly competition.

Adamstown Primary Care Centre: After continued engagement with the HSE regarding the new Primary Care Centre in Adamstown I was delighted to visit the building and view the impressive facilities. Spanning three floors it will include physio/occupational/speech therapy, GP consultation rooms, CAMHS and maternity services linked with the Coombe Hospital. This much-needed facility is expected to open in Quarter 1 of 2026 and I'll keep everyone updated.



SITUATION VACANT

Permanent School Caretaker

The Board of Management of St. Patrick's Primary School, Celbridge invites applications for the position of Permanent School Caretaker (35-hour week- negotiable).

The successful applicant must be able to work the hours during times agreed by the Principal/Board of Management. They must be able to take up the position as soon as possible.

Ideally, applicants will:

- Have general maintenance skills
- Have an understanding of caretaking duties
- Be willing to work cooperatively with school staff and management

Duties will include:

- Inspections of premises
- General school repairs
- Maintenance of buildings (internal and external)
- Development and maintenance of school grounds and green areas
- Maintenance of furniture and fittings
- Liaising with external contractors where relevant
- Opening/closing of school
- Keyholder and alarm duties
- Management of disposal of waste

There is an initial probationary period of 6 months. The successful candidate should: (either have completed or agree to undertake this training on appointment)

- A Child Protection Course
- A Manual Handling Certificate
- A First Aid Certificate
- A Safe Pass and any other relevant training.

Satisfactory Garda Vetting is necessary before appointment - it may be possible to bring starting date forward depending on length of time it takes for garda vetting to be completed.

The successful candidate must also uphold the ethos of the school.

Please email a letter of application and Curriculum Vitae including copies of relevant certificates and details of at least 2 referees for the attention of the **Chairperson of the Board of Management @**

applications2025@stpatricksprimarycelbridge.ie

Candidates may be shortlisted by reference to their application and C.V.

The closing date for applications is 24th October 2025.

Interviews are proposed for the week of 3rd November 2025.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Arrangements are well advanced for the mounting of the Soiree's 13th exhibition in St. Mary's Parish Centre on 15th and 16th November. The You tube video of the exhibition that has been a feature since the Covid era is ready to go on line as soon as the actual exhibition closes. Looking back at some statistics there were just under 300 viewings of the video of the 9th Exhibition in January 2022, 90 of the 10th Exhibition, 176 of the 11th and 172 of last year's. This facility is much appreciated by friends and relatives who, for whatever reason, cannot make it to the actual exhibition.

Turning to this week's photos, Donal sent in photos of the source of the Glencree River, a favourite haunt of serious photographers.



We have also some more of Donal's photos from Collioure, this time showing some local architecture.



We had more photos of mushrooms found in Josie's garden.

With Halloween just two weeks away there were Halloween flavoured photos from Frances with her skeleton in the garden and Joe with his pumpkins in the Phoenix Park Visitors' Centre. The English word 'Halloween' comes from "All Hallows' Eve", being the evening before the holy days of All Hallow's Day (All Saints' Day) on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November. In Ireland the turnip was traditionally carved during Halloween, but immigrants to North America used the native pumpkin, which is both much softer and much larger, making it easier to carve than a turnip.



Stay safe till next week!