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Light and Darkness! The Hallowed Evening!

This weekend, the clocks are turned back so that our evenings become dark earlier as we begin to slide from Autumn to Winter. At this time of the year in farming culture, we gather the last of the harvest and put it away to last through the winter until new growth comes. At Hallowe'en (the Hallowed Evening) we remember those who have departed from this life to enter into the new life with God.

Nature and the spiritual world have great symbolic expression in this part of the northern hemisphere where the image of light and darkness is very vivid. This time of the year involves a letting go. It also involves a remembering of our departed loved ones as we stand on the threshold of November. There may be both light and darkness in the remembering with a whole wide range of feelings and thoughts.

If we were to take Hallowe'en as a gathering of our harvest of experiences, of love, of our treasured friends and family members, of the hopes that gave us the momentum to keep going when life was tough, it might give us what we need to face whatever challenges will emerge in the next few months. What has grown in our lives since Springtime? What husks do we need to shake off before we move gently into winter time?

Lucan was once a small village in the countryside where the Hallowe'en experience of gatherings, dance, music and harvest sharing was the same as in rural Ireland. It is now different, as is every village and town. The difference is appropriate for the time. However, despite all the change in the world, the basic needs of every person has not changed. We need one another and need connection to bring us through the darkness and light of life. For those who find the time of winter darkness particularly difficult there is light to be found among us.

Lucan is alive with wonderful community and parish groups, always open to new membership. Each of the groups add to the sense of community and belonging, contributing towards its' building and sharing of ideas that make a difference. For every individual involved in all of the groups, members experience a local belonging and a knowing that they matter. While we cannot change the darkness of the natural season, except artificially, we can change the light that we bring into the lives of others or into our own lives by taking advantage of the gifts of our local community.

This Hallowe'en let us hold hope and light before us knowing that Spring will come and that even in experiences of challenge or loss, that some glimmer of light is offered to us. Let us stand tall and lift our eyes up to the stars of night and to people and beliefs that offer us hope.

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
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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

Halloween - This Halloween, don't
forget, only certain low-hazard
fireworks can be bought and used by
the general public. These include party
poppers and some sparklers. It's illegal
to import, hold, sell or use any other
fireworks without a licence.



What is Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)?

Anything that needs a battery or a power supply
to work is considered electrical and electronic
equipment (EEE).

It is important to dispose of anything that runs on
electricity, or that contains electrical parts,
responsibly to avoid damaging the environment.

Common electrical and electronic waste items include:

Large and small household appliances.
Information technology (IT) and
telecommunications equipment,
Consumer equipment, such as TVs, stereo
equipment, electric toothbrushes
Lighting equipment, such as fluorescent lamps
Electrical and electronic tools
Toys, leisure and sports equipment
Medical equipment systems (except implanted or
infected products)
Monitoring and control instruments
Automatic dispensers
Batteries and accumulators

How can WEEE damage the environment?

The main risks to the environment from WEEE
are the depletion of natural resources and the
release of dangerous substances.

If we send electrical and electronic products to
landfill sites instead of recycling them, we miss
the opportunity to recover and reuse millions of
tonnes of materials. If we recycle these materials,
this means we need to extract less raw material to
manufacture new products.

Some electronic equipment contains substances
that are considered dangerous to the environment
and human health if they aren't disposed of
properly and may leak into the soil, water or air
and can cause serious environmental damage

Where can I recycle WEEE?

Companies that produce electrical and electronic
goods must cover the cost of collecting, treating,
recovering and disposing of WEEE in an
environmentally friendly way.

This means you can return your household WEEE
free of charge, either to a shop when buying a
replacement item, or to another authorised
collection point, such as a local authority civic
amenity site.

WEEE Ireland have an interactive map which
can help you find the best place to go to recycle
your WEEE. Mywaste.ie also have a similar
interactive map which you can use.

WEEE should not be put in landfill sites
because of the harmful substances it contains.

Retailers must take back your old electrical and
electronic equipment in store for free on a one-
for-one, like-for-like basis. This means the old
product must be the same type or have the same
purpose as the new item you are purchasing.

Retailers in large stores must accept your small
appliances (less than 25 cm high) for recycling
without insisting you buy anything.

You can return certain types of waste batteries at
various shops for free, as well as any local
authority civic amenity site.

Recycling Batteries

You can return used batteries free of charge at:
Any local authority civic amenity site
Any shop selling the same type of battery
Recycling vapes and e-cigarettes
Most vapes and e-cigarettes have batteries so they
should not be put in your bin at home. Instead,
you should bring them to a Blue Battery Box to
be recycled or to the store where you bought it.

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.

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

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Members had a great night at **Fiddler on the Roof** on Saturday 18th October. The singing and the whole production were terrific and a great night was had by all. Our next outing is to **My Fair Lady** - 15th November.

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.

Woodview & Woodview Heights

Our deceased residents will be remembered at the **12 noon Mass** in **St Patrick's Church**, Lucan on **Sunday 2nd November 2025**.



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

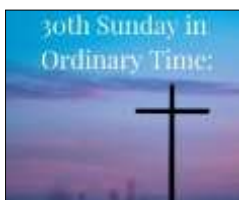
Lucan Memorial Campaign (Jonathan Cully, SOL Committee)



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.



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.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of November 2025 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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

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

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

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

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

Áine - 086 0561497

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.

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.

Anniversaries

Eileen Bristley

3rd Anniversary, 31st October

"As you were, you will always be,
Treasured forever in our memory"

*Always loved and missed everyday by your
husband Jimmy and daughters Elizabeth, Alice,
Mary and Paula, our grandchildren and
great grand children*



Marie Devine

6th Anniversary, 24th October

In loving memory

You will always be forever special

Sadly missed and never forgotten

Willie, Caroleanne, Lisa and Rachel



Mary Kilduff,

23rd Anniversary, 31st October

In loving memory of our dear mother Mary

" Silent thoughts of times together

Hold memories that last forever "

Remembered by all the family.



John McMahon

4th Anniversary

John is fondly remembered

by those who knew and loved him

His passing has left a lasting impact

on his family and friends

We will continue to cherish

his memory and honour his life

Forever in our thoughts

Agnes McMahon and family



Benny Shanley

3rd Anniversary, 24th October

Your life was a Blessing

Your memory a Treasure

You are loved beyond Words

And missed beyond Measure

Carmel, Elaine, Brian, Eimear, Gerard,

grandchildren, extended family and friends



*Online Bereavement
Information Evening*

FOR PARENTS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD:
OF ANY AGE, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, AT ANY TIME

30TH OCTOBER, 2025

To register:

- Click [here](#)
- Scan the QR code
- Email info@anamcara.ie
- Call ROI 01 4045378 or
NI 028 95213120

Guest Speaker: Breffni McGuinness

Breffni McGuinness currently serves as a Bereavement Coordinator at Lauralynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. Prior to this role, Breffni has been working in bereavement support, focusing on developing awareness, education, and resources to support bereaved individuals and communities. Breffni brings unique perspectives to his work, with specialisations in dramatherapies and pastoral care.

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Why not drop a line to our Spiritual Director, Deacon Don Devaney by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin 22. D22 R7W2



It's like we're having a full week of Halloween, with all the bangers and fireworks to be heard nightly! Just take care and stay safe, and we can all enjoy the festivities.



Don't forget to set your clock back, if you still have one of the old-fashioned ones! We'll get an extra hour in bed this Sunday morning!

The Village has gone from bad to worse!

Last Saturday was unbelievable, as despite the rainy weather, and the problems with parking, many people tried to make their way to the Weir, to view the Liffey Descent, only to discover it was closed off to the public. Surely it could have been left accessible for a few hours on the day.

The Quilt Exhibition in St. Andrews was amazing, with lots of wonderful displays. Unfortunately, the village situation on Saturday didn't help them either. We hope they put on the show again next year, when we'll all go along to enjoy the craft.

Leaves aplenty at the moment! It was helpful that Cllr. Brady provided a contact for the road sweeping schedule in last week's issue.



Road Sweeping Schedule is available at oxygen.ie/table/sdcc/

Water, water everywhere last Saturday morning! That's if you lived on the eastern side of Hillcrest, close to where a pipe was burst. It seems that many parts of Lucan were without water for some hours – this after torrential rain the night before.....

A very Happy Birthday to Will Marten on his 6th Birthday.

From all his family and friends



Get Well Soon!

The Newsletter Team sends wishes for a speedy recovery to our friend, **Mary Douglas**. She'll be chanting *Hip Hip Hooray*, in no time!!!!!!



The Flower Fairies excelled themselves in St. Mary's on Sunday last, with a magical Autumnal display.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 29th October: Social Morning in St. Mary's Halloween Party, 10.30am – 12.30pm. Witches and Pumpkins welcome!



LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

QUIZ NIGHT

PRIZES RAFFLE

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TEAMS €40
TABLE OF 4

Entry on the night!

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
8pm | Lucan Spa Hotel

Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839

Deserted Promenade at Lucan Weir

Open Letter to the Lucan Newsletter For the Attention of South Dublin County Councillors

As both a **Lucan resident** and a **member of Lucan Kayak Club**, I wish to express my disappointment regarding the **closure of Lucan Promenade** during this year's **Liffey Descent**.

Having been involved with the race for over twenty years — both as a participant and a former organiser — I know how much this event means to our community.

The Liffey Descent is **Canoeing Ireland's flagship international canoe marathon**, attracting paddlers and spectators from across Ireland and abroad. It is a challenging and spectacular race that showcases the River Liffey through Celbridge, Leixlip, Lucan, and beyond — and has long been a source of local pride.

Traditionally, the **Lucan Promenade at Lucan Weir** is one of the most popular viewing points, where families, friends, and locals gather to cheer on competitors. This year, however, the area was fenced off and silent — the result, it seems, of ongoing renovation works and concerns over anti-social behaviour.

While these issues may be genuine, the decision to block public access during such a major community event was deeply regrettable. Those who come to watch the Liffey Descent are not troublemakers; they are supporters who bring life, energy, and goodwill to our village each year.

The **extended delay in completing the Promenade upgrade** raises understandable frustration. More importantly, it represents a **missed opportunity for Lucan tourism and local business**. The Descent brings many visitors who support local cafés, shops, and services — offering valuable exposure and revenue. Restricting access undermines both community spirit and economic potential.

I urge **South Dublin County Council** to ensure the **Promenade is fully open and event-ready** for next year's Liffey Descent. This race is more than a sporting event; it's part of Lucan's cultural identity and a celebration of our connection to the river.

Let's ensure that Lucan can once again take its rightful place at the heart of this wonderful tradition.

Sincerely,
Conor Ryan

Lucan I.C.A.

Last Monday we held our Group meeting & International morning in St Marys Parish Centre.

We invited our neighbouring guilds Blanchardstown and Castleknock to the meeting and our Dublin Federation President Antoinette Rea and her Secretary Patricia Guyett were also in attendance. Anne Beales as International Officer invited Emma McDonald (*pictured*) who spoke on her experiences of living in Hong Kong which was very interesting and insightful.



We held a competition on “A flower arrangement in a teacup and saucer” and congratulations to the three Lucan winners!



We had a lovely craft display from our ladies which was greatly admired. Tea, sandwiches, cakes and buns were provided by the members and were much enjoyed!



Embroidered Birds & Ribbon Work

As next weekend is a bank holiday, we are closed. Will we reopen on the following **Monday 3rd November** with Mary and Pauline on teas. Enjoy Hallowe'en break ladies.
Pauline



CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Jigsaw Fundraiser

To raise awareness of World Mental Health Day, class Sycamore in 6th year held a bake sale to raise funds for Jigsaw. Jigsaw is youth mental health charity. Jigsaw provide free therapy and support services to children and young people (aged 12-25) across Ireland who are struggling with their mental health. The class reached their target amount of €250. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Lucan CC First intercultural Day

On Friday, 17th October, Lucan Community College proudly held its first ever Intercultural Day, celebrating the school's core ethos values of community and equality.



The event, led by ethos ambassadors, prefects, and staff, was the result of weeks of planning and teamwork. During lunch, colourful picnic tables displayed traditional foods from around the world - prepared or brought in by students and their families.

The dishes were quickly enjoyed by classmates and staff, creating a lively, shared tasting experience. Students also took part in flag-making, celebrating their heritage through art, and the day ended with a joyful cultural fashion show, where students proudly wore traditional dress or displayed their national flags. Thank you to everyone who participated.



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.

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Movie Marathon: Last Friday evening, the school's computer room was transformed into a galaxy far, far away as a large group of students gathered for an unforgettable Star Wars movie marathon. From Jedi knights and droid sidekicks to epic space battles, the event brought together fans for a thrilling night of adventure, popcorn, and late-night movie magic.

The marathon kicked off promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the computer room, which had been transformed into a cosy, cinema-style viewing space complete with comfy seating, dimmed lighting, and of course—plenty of popcorn and hotdogs!

The event featured a carefully curated line-up of films: Episodes I, II, III, followed by the fan-favourite standalone film *Rogue One*, and then continuing into the heart of the classic trilogy with Episodes IV, V, and VI. In total, that's over 14 hours of Jedi action, Sith scheming, and iconic moments from across the Star Wars universe. Throughout the night, students enjoyed an array of treats and drinks, which kept energy levels high as the hours ticked by.

As the final credits rolled around 9:00 a.m., many students could be seen rubbing their eyes, wrapped in blankets, and clutching their last handfuls of popcorn!

The event raised a total of 550e for the Young Scientist and SciFest competitions.

Transition Year: Last week, our TY students enjoyed an action-packed and memorable three-day trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre, where they took part in a wide range of outdoor activities designed to challenge, inspire, and build team spirit.



Set against the stunning backdrop of the Cooley Mountains and Carlingford Lough, the adventure centre offered the perfect setting for the students to connect with nature and each other. Over the course of three days, the group engaged in a variety of high-energy and team-focused activities such as kayaking, laser-tag and zip-lining that

tested both physical endurance and group cooperation.

Throughout the trip, our TY students were a credit to the school. The Carlingford staff praised them for their excellent behaviour, cooperation, and enthusiastic participation in all activities.

6th yr news: Our 6th yr students were treated to an engaging and informative talk last week from two representatives of the 7th Infantry Battalion, based at Cathal Brugha Barracks. The visit proved to be both eye-opening and inspiring, offering students a unique glimpse into life in the Irish Defence Forces and the wide range of opportunities it can provide.

Geography: Last Thursday, 40 of our 6th yr students from Mr. Rafter's and Mr. Tarpey's Geography classes swapped their classroom for the scenic surroundings of Glendalough, where they took part in an important Geography field study. This hands-on investigation forms a key part of their Leaving Certificate coursework, accounting for 20% of their final grade.



The aim of the day was to gather evidence of fluvial processes — in particular, erosion — by taking a series of measurements and observations along a stretch of the river. This included determining the river's depth and velocity at various points, which would help the students assess how the river changes from source to mouth. Equipped with wellies, ranging poles, flow meters, and notebooks, the students split into groups and got to work.

The students worked collaboratively to ensure accurate measurements, and there was plenty of lively discussion (and the occasional splash!) as they interpreted what they were seeing on the ground.

The next step for the students is to compile their findings into a formal report, which will be submitted to the State Examinations Commission.

Continued over.....

St. Joseph's College

Stripe Young Scientist Exhibition

Huge congratulations to Jodie Byrne, TY student in St Joseph's College, who qualified for the Stripe Young Scientists and Technology Exhibition this year. Jodie's project is called "Dyslexic Lens". Jodie wants to find out what dyslexic students see when they read, by means of a survey with data being displayed via a series of animated videos. This series of animated videos can then hopefully be used as an educational tool in schools, in the future.

This is a huge achievement as there were over 4000 entries this year and only 500 were chosen to go forward to present their project in the RDS in January. Best of luck Jodie!

Snood Creations in St. Joseph's

I learned how to knit when I was younger, but I took it back up again in school this year. I learnt how to do plain stitch and purl stitch with my Home Ec teacher, Ms Ennis, and I learned how to make and finish a snood.

For the first term, we were set the goal of making snoods to sell in aid of the PAL (Public Access to Law) trip to Chicago. It started off with just myself in the class, but as time went on we got over 20 TY and 5th year students helping to make snoods for the cause. We made a TIKTok video and posters to advertise our sale.

We made €615.80. I have really enjoyed learning how to knit and raising money for the PAL trip, as have all the students who helped make snoods! (By Holly Whelan 4A5)



American Tea Party for Chicago!

Thank you to all the sponsors, staff, students, families & friends of our PAL team for joining us for our American Tea Party on Wednesday, 22nd Oct! The Tea Party was a celebration and acknowledgement of the great support the team has received and it also gave the guests the

opportunity to see the team in action! Opening speeches, cross examinations and closing speeches of the team members involved were just exceptional, wonderful to see as we will travel to Chicago in two weeks' time! We were delighted to welcome back Isabelle Vincent and Ella Dawson, past pupils and members of the 2016 PAL team that competed in New York! Our final draw takes place this Friday!



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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucu

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

ACRE
project

A COMMUNITY RETHINKING
ITS ENVIRONMENT

Maynooth Road, Celbridge (beside Salesian College)

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!

Lucan Library – October Events

Library Closed for the Bank Holiday from Saturday 25th – Monday 27th inclusive.
Please enquire with the Staff for My Open Library access.

Knitting Group

Meets every Monday 10am – 12 pm
No booking required



My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library
Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.



Halloween and Mid-Term Events

Halloween Art and Creativity
for ages 9-12 years
Thursday 30th at 3.30pm

Arts and Crafts for 6-8s
Thursday 23rd at 3.30pm

3D Printing for ages 9+
Thursday 30th October at 12 pm

Viking Show with Knights for Hire

Fun for all the family
Thursday 30th October at 2pm and 3pm

Card Swap for Kids
Friday 31st October at 2.30pm
All Welcome

Booking through Eventbrite essential for all children's events

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



MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

CARING CONNECTIONS

Supporting the journey of ageing together

At Marymount, we host a monthly information and networking session to support those in our community who are navigating the journey of ageing. These sessions offer valuable insights on a range of topics, including coping with dementia, navigating the Fair Deal scheme, dealing with frailty, and understanding palliative care.

This month, we are focusing on Supporting Care and Compassion At End of Life in Nursing Homes. We are delighted to welcome Ann Marie Murphy, Regional Lead CHO 7 from the Caru programme and Irish Hospice Foundation, who will share how the Caru programme is supporting and empowering nursing home owners and staff in the delivery of person-centred palliative, end-of-life care, and bereavement care to residents.

This is a wonderful opportunity to not only deepen your understanding, but also, to connect with others who are supporting loved ones through the ageing journey.

Please note that places are limited to this free event and booking is essential.

Thursday 30th October 2025 7pm – 9pm

Please contact reception on 01 820 4500 or email foh@mmcc.ie to reserve your place

(01) 820 4500
www.marymountcarecentre.ie

Westmanstown,
Lucan, Co. Dublin

Lamenting the Leaves

By Anita O Kearney

As I sit here in this quiet room
looking through the mirrors view
a stillness gloom

Reflection on a day that's past
Preparing my mind for tomorrow and
see

the dark bark on the trees spikey
stretching almost bare of leaves
Crunching under feet now soft
slippery slimy much like moss
No Whirling Dervishes here
the dance of the leaves as their end
draws near
It won't be long now till all trees are
bare

Hi-vis jackets everywhere
Hi-jack sections of grassy mounds
they sweep the leaves those Tidy
Towns
don't they do us proud
like fireflies they flit around
planting all kinds deep in the ground
hoping for Springtime's colours and
sounds

The Autumn leaves their life is fast
catching our eye as we rush pass
So much beauty in this old town
and beauty is so fleeting
Our new park underway with amenities
and seating

The little red berries
scurry everywhere
a peacefulness comes
over me here
as I sit and watch the
dusk draw near
I'll miss those leaves and
all their flair
like the Amber tones in Cailin Deas red
hair

New leaves will come just like before
around The Resurrection of Our Lord
Green buds ready to start peeping out
tiny buds that sprout about



The leaves they remind us where we
are, what to wear, walking breathing
taking the fresh air

We miss the leaves when it's time they
go and yet know year after year they
too will grow
Never failing to inspire
Why write this silly little poem one
might enquire

A foolish notion came over me
as I sat and watched out my window
just to see
the last remainder of those leaves
however brief they clung onto trees
through all those stormy and rainy
nights
reminded me of myself you see
and how fickle and beautiful this life
can be.



Set Dance/Ceili Class



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



**Older people need your
support!**

ALONE is recruiting
volunteers to provide
companionship and

support through their Telephone Support &
Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to
one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum
of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Senior Hurling County Final

Best of luck to our Senior hurling team heading into their first county final since 2013! They are chasing a first-ever senior title for the club. Saturday 25th October – 19:15 - Parnell Park



Tickets can be purchased through the following link: <https://www.universe.com/events/go-ahead-senior-1-hurling-championship-final-2025-tickets-X4WJZ1>

Inter Hurling County Final

Best of luck to our inter hurling team in their County Final Sunday 26th October – 2pm - Parnell Park.



Tickets can be purchased through the following link: <https://www.universe.com/events/goahead-premier-intermediate-intermediate-hurling-championship-final-2025-tickets-3NG790>

Minor A Camogie County Final

Best of luck to the Minor A Camogie team on Sunday 25th October in their county final against Na Fianna. Throwing in at 3pm in Thomas Davis GAA. All support welcome.



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,800. The Numbers were **5,9,14 & 26**.

Lucky dips go to Pat Glover, Kevin & Mary Brennan, Ruth O'Neill, Samantha Mooney and Yvonne McCarney.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €8,200. This draw is sponsored by Diamond and Jem Jewellers. 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



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.

Halloween at Farmleigh



27th October 12.00 – 4.00pm
Spooky Story Telling in the Old Kitchen 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm.
First Come First Served.

Children's Halloween Art Workshop by Artzone in the Arkle Room 12pm, 1pm, 2.15pm 3.15pm. 20 kids per session. First Come First Served. Sessions circa 45 minutes.



Face Painting in the Old Stable 12pm, 3pm.
First Come First Served.

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Best of Luck Lucan Sarsfields Hurlers:

Wishing Lucan Sarsfields Senior and Intermediate Hurlers the very best of luck in their county finals this weekend. The Senior team play on Saturday 25th at 7:15pm in Parnell Park, followed by the intermediate team on Sunday 26th at 2pm, also in Parnell Park. Visit @Lucansarsfieldsofficial for details about tickets.

Fuel Allowance Update:

The Fuel Allowance helps with home heating costs during the winter months. The 2025/2026 season runs from September to April, and is paid weekly or in two lump sums. From January 2026, the payment increases to €38 per week. From March 2026, families on the Working Family Payment will qualify (backdated to January), and from September 2026, people moving from the Disability Allowance or Blind Pension to employment will be able to keep the payment for five years.

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Local Policing Public Meeting:

I attended a public meeting facilitated by Lucan Gardaí last week. At this meeting there was a presentation on crime stats given by the Superintendent for Lucan. I raised a number of questions regarding policing strategy for tackling anti-social behaviour, uninsured scramblers and monitoring / access to apartment complexes and car parks. I was also given assurances there will be an additional 12-15 Gardaí on duty for Halloween.

Woodview Heights and Lucan Surrounds:

It was brought to my attention this week that a house was burgled in the Woodview Heights area with reports of suspicious activity more generally in the vicinity. Please take the time to always check in on elderly neighbours and family. I will be working with residents highlighting some practical deterrents in the period ahead and I am happy to meet with people.

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:

This week I raised the need for more transparent reporting in relation to Tusla’s handling of child deaths and disappearances. Other contributions included school architectural planning issues, the Finance Bill and men’s health. I also contributed to debates on making it easier to contest the Presidency and planning for a united Ireland. On the Enterprise Committee I spoke on reducing costs for business and the price of insurance.

Swimming Pool latest:

The tender for the replacement contractor was due to be submitted this week. SDCC stated: “These will be assessed immediately, and a permanent replacement contractor will be appointed at the earliest possible opportunity. In the meantime, an interim contractor has been appointed and is progressing all available work items to facilitate the sub-contractors already in agreement with SDCC.”

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Local Businesses & Proposed Village Bus Stop:

With Cllr. Liona O’Toole (chairing) and Cllr.

Caroline Brady, I met concerned Lucan business owners this week, along with the Manager from SDCC who’s overseeing the proposed relocation of the bus stop at Carroll’s. Businesses are unilaterally opposed to reducing traffic on Eastern side of the green to single lane, resulting in buses stopping all traffic behind. I represented views of Lucan Taxi Drivers who are in complete opposition to this. Manager to revert with alternatives, but there are no promises.

Support for Local Businesses at South Dublin

Local Enterprise Office (Leo):

Free online training “Facebook & Instagram Advertising – Using Facebook Ads Manager” Designed for businesses with an active business page. Date: 31st October (10am-1pm)
Venue: Online Cost: FREE - See QR code to book.



Political Notes continued over....

Political Notes Cont'd,

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Instagram, X and TikTok.

Rail capacity for Lucan and Adamstown:

At this week's Oireachtas Transport Committee meeting, I raised the need for additional train capacity for Adamstown and Kishogue stations. This is necessary to cater to the increased demand on these routes, but commuters cannot wait until the completion of the DART South West works for the enhanced capacity. I will continue to follow up.

South Dublin Chamber Business Awards:

Congratulations to all local businesses who were shortlisted or successful for awards at the recent South Dublin Chamber Awards night. I was really pleased to see many attendees at the Lucan Business 2 Business group feature - well done to all!

Lucan Advice Clinics: I will hold my next weekly advice clinic in Lucan at Adamstown Community Centre at 1pm on 3 November. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact 01-6184128.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

Ph: 0872795274

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Update on Healthcare Services for the Lucan Area:

Following last week's visit to the new Adamstown Primary Care Centre a project I have long advocated and campaigned for I'm pleased to share further progress for healthcare in our community.

At this week's Regional Health Forum meeting I again raised the urgent need for an additional Primary Care Centre for the Lucan area. With Lucan's population now more than three times that of areas in Dublin already served by such centres this has become a pressing issue. The HSE confirmed they are aware of the growing demand and are in discussions to identify suitable land in Lucan for a future Primary Care Centre. They also agreed to attend a future Area Committee Meeting to discuss healthcare services locally and hear the issues raised by residents.

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations.

Why English is Hard to Learn

We'll begin with *box*; the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*, not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and two are called *geese*,
Yet the plural of *moose* is never called *meese*.

You may find a lone *mouse* or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is *houses*, not *hice*.
The plural of *man* is always is always *men*,
But the plural of *pan* is never *pen*.

If I speak of *foot*, and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*, would a pain be a *beek*?

If one is a *tooth* and a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn't two *booths* be called *beeth*?

If the singular's *this* and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss* be ever called *keese*?

We speak of a *brother* and also of *brethren*,
But though we say *mother*, we never say *methren*.

Then the masculine pronouns are *he*, *his* and *him*;

But imagine the feminine....*she*, *shis* and *shim*!

Anonymous.

Keep your Thoughts Positive

Because your thoughts become words.

Keep your words positive
Because your words
Become your behaviour.

Keep your behaviour positive
Because your behaviour
Become your habits.

Keep your habits positive
Because your habits
Become your values.

Keep your values positive
Because your values
Become your destiny.
Mahatma Gandhi.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

St. Mary's Camera Soiree's 13th exhibition in St. Mary's Parish Centre will take place in the Parish Centre on 15th and 16th November and we hope to see all our friends there. The Soiree would like to thank in advance our friends in St. Andrew's parish who, once again, will be lending us their stands on which we will be mounting our exhibition.

Virtually all of the photos submitted this week reflect either approaching Halloween or the end of the Autumn season which John Keats, in his poem "To Autumn" beautifully describes as the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness".

Frances submitted some scary ghost photos for Halloween and Donal captured the end of Autumn with photographs of leaves and fruit.

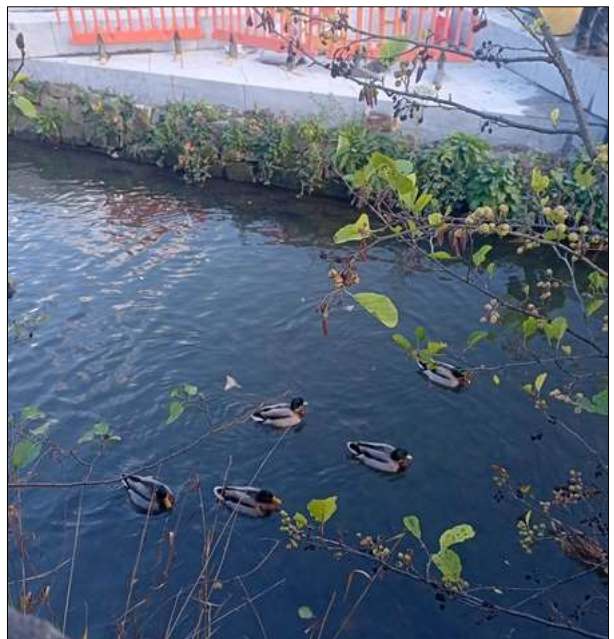


Michael G also captured autumn colours in his garden.



Joe was the only one whose photo was not autumn related. His photo was of ducks on the river Griffeen in the village. Five drakes are following one hen and a debate ensued as to whether the drakes were chasing the hen or the hen was leading the poor drakes on!

When I googled autumn, I was surprised to find a range of options in relation to what months comprise the season of Autumn in various parts of the northern hemisphere. In Ireland, the autumn months according to Met Éireann are September, October and November. However, it seems that according to ancient Gaelic traditions, Autumn lasts throughout the months of August, September, and October, or possibly a few days later.



Stay safe till next week!

