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Sunday 13th September 2026

Last Words!

I've had the privilege in recent years of accompanying loved ones at the end of life and into death. I've supported many friends in their accompaniment of their loved ones also.

In my experience, people have things that they want loved ones to know before they move away from them into the next life. It seems to relate to expression of love and gratitude for kindnesses, friendship and the little things that make a difference along the journey of the more challenging days. Only the most essential matters on the doorstep of death with love and loved ones central.

This provides lessons for my own living – most of which I forget in the frenzy of daily life! Only a small few or one person might be there for the final stage of life's journey. In my personal knowing of what it is to be in that privileged space and seeing what it is not to be in that space for others, it's worthwhile in daily living to note where gratitude is deserved! If we treated the end of each day with a moment's reflection time to consider where and to whom gratitude is deserved and could be expressed, it leads to a space of having fewer regrets.

When it comes to the end of life, I've never seen anyone talking about work, the size of their house or any THINGS! That stage brings one back to how we arrived in this world with nothing except for those who loved us into what we would become and do in life. We yearn for material comfort to make our nesting place in this world a good one. We use our creative senses and abilities to build what offers best security for ourselves and our loved ones at the parenting and grandparenting stages of life. We both succeed and fail in our material endeavours and also in our relationships, as there is nothing perfect about us. However, at all stages we are good enough for wherever we are in life if we take mistakes as valuable place of learning and renewal.

If this day was our last one, what would we say to those who matter most? What would we want to spend the day doing? What might need resolve for greater personal peace? What would we let go of?

For what are we most grateful? Let's make this day a good one!

*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: 2pm - 4pm subject to Team Meetings

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

Free Solar PV if you're medically vulnerable

Did you know?

Do you use life support equipment such as a dialysis machine, ventilator or similar device? The Solar PV Scheme for Medically Vulnerable Customers is for people who depend on life-protecting electrical medical equipment and technology.

Since October 2025, the scheme has been extended to all homeowners who are registered under the life support category of the Priority Services Register with their energy supplier. If you qualify for the scheme, a Solar PV company will visit your home to assess if your home is suitable for a solar PV system and install it for free if it is.

Check if you qualify and find out more about Free solar PV if you are medically vulnerable.

New Building Energy Rating (BER) for residential properties

On 24 May 2026, the Building Energy Rating (BER) system changed. It was changed to bring Ireland's BER rating system in line with what is used in other European countries.

The BER scale now has a new top rating and fewer categories. The new ratings are: A0, A, B, C, D, E, F and G. Sub-categories like B1, B2 and B3 are no longer used.

If your property is very energy efficient and does not use fossil fuels, you can get the new A0 rating.

The new BER certificate also includes more information, including:

How the home uses energy and renewable energy
How the building could contribute to carbon emissions.

A QR code linking to advice on improving your properties energy efficiency.

If your property already has a BER certificate, it stays valid for 10 years from the date it was issued. This applies unless you make changes that affect the properties energy performance.

Read more about BER and these changes on our page Getting a Building Energy Rating for your home.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday

September 12th 2026

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St. Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future Dates: Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa!

Carers & Toddlers Group

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



Esler Active Retirement Association

Esler Active Retired will be starting up again after the summer break on **Wednesday 16th September at 1.30**. We meet every Wednesday in **St Andrew's Parish Hall**, Main Street, Lucan.

Our usual activities include indoor bowling, card games and scrabble. We invite guest speakers from time to time, also organise other activities such as chaerobics to add interest. But the most important thing is to meet up with like-minded people for a cup of tea and a chat.



New members are always welcome so if you are interested do come along on any Wednesday.

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Springfield Hotel
Lucan
Mon 14th and Tues 15th Sept
3.45pm to 8pm

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Traditional Irish Music

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Classes, Set dancing, Sessions, Fleadh, Pléarácha and more.

Classes are held in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road, Lucan on Tuesday evenings from 6pm. Tin Whistle, fiddle, flute, banjo, mandolin, guitar, button accordion, concertina, harp, set dancing, traditional singing and pre-instrumental classes for jnr/snr infants. All levels and ages are welcome.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 14th September: We are supporting St. Francis Hospice, by having a fund-raising morning. Members are asked to be generous.

We will also have a game of Bingo!

Tea Rota: Noreen and Geraldine.

Please bring knitted vests on Monday for collection, to be sent to Federation, and on to Africa, for premature babies.



Lucan Senior Citizens

We were delighted to welcome our members back on Wednesday last.



We celebrated Maureen O'Briens 94th Birthday. Maureen is a long time, and loyal member of our club, a very stylish and elegant lady.

Wednesday 16th September: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
New members welcome!



Date for your diary....

Don't forget that the **Liffey Descent** international canoe race will be passing through Lucan next Saturday, 19th September. No doubt there will be thrills and spills at Lucan Weir!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

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

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

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm 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.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster September 2026

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, we ask God to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

We pray together for peace in the world and defeat of evil, for those who are unwell, worried, depressed, or grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who no longer believe or practice the faith, that they will find again God's infinite love and mercy.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Tony Manley**, Ardeevin and to the wife, family and friends of **John (Seán) Keane**, Hillcrest Drive.
May they rest in peace.



Thank You

Sincere thanks to all who assisted with the celebration of the Annual Mass for the Deceased in Esker Cemetery on Sunday 30th August. We offer particular thanks to Fr Aidan for celebrating the Mass along with Fr Bill, Fr Ubaldo and Deacon John who concelebrated.

To the Birney family who set everything up and dismantled the structure afterwards on the day, Mary and Damien Douglas from the Sacristy and the 23rd Lucan Scouts who assisted greatly on the day. Singing was led by Eithne and PJ and the choir whom we thank along with the Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist and Collectors. We thank Soundworks who provided the Sound for the Mass on the day.

Terry Finnegan of AAL Sound provided the sound for many years but sadly Terry died during the year - we offer our condolences to the Finnegan family.

We are most grateful for the generous contributions which amounted to €3,245.00. The collection covered the expenses for the day which were €2,066.55 and allowed for a generous sum of €1,178.45 to donate to St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown.

*Kind regards,
Deirdre*

St. Vincent de Paul

St Mary's Conference

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday / Sunday

12th /13th September

Many thanks for your generosity.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 14th September

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

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

Mases 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.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets
every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the
Confessional Room in the church.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who
Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister
of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish
Office 01-4572900.

Divine Mercy Food Bank: Donations of **non-
perishable food items** can be left in the green
containers inside the doors of the church.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup
of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am
Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

Helping the Christians in The Holy Land

A missionary group from Bethlehem,
The Holy Land will be visiting

**St Patrick's Church on the
12th and 13th of September**

and **St Mary's Church on the 19th and 20th of
September** to briefly talk about the Holy Land
and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary
Beads, Plaques and Nativity Cribs) made out of
olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the
poor Christians families, any help you could give
them it will be highly appreciated.

*Afif Khader,
The Holy Cross Group – Bethlehem*

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger
parishioners and their families.

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions: After 10am Masses on Thursdays
and Saturdays.

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

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

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

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



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Anniversaries

Sylvia Behan

1st Anniversary

Remembering Sylvia,
Late of Cherbury Park, Lucan,
Whose 1st Anniversary occurs at this time.
Always with us, and in our hearts
and prayers every day.

*Missed by her family, and her Lucan friends
and neighbours.*



Shane Carey

5th Anniversary, 7th September

Alan Carey

5th Anniversary, 13th September

Of my much loved sons and brothers
Shane and Alan, together forever.
Late of Ballydowd, Lucan

Forever Young

A million times we have missed you both
A million times we have cried
If our love could have saved you
You never would have died, Shane and Alan
Some say that as time goes by
Our heartache will subside
But it's the felling in our hearts today,
Shane and Alan are the same
As the day you both died
It broke our hearts to lose you
Your parting caused such pain
But the greatest day has yet to come
When we will be together again
Loving and missing you both forever
*Your heartbroken Mam, brothers, sisters,
nephews, nieces. Shane's girls Zoe, Keisha
and Nicole. Xxxxxxx*



Lucy (Jean) Feeney

20th Anniversary, 15th September

Michael Anthony Feeney

50th Anniversary, 6th October

What happened to the wonderful adventures
The places I had planned for us to go
Slipping through my fingers all the time
Well some of that we did,
But most we didn't

And why I just don't know

*Sadly missed by Michael, Jean, Michelle,
Karen, Karl, Richard and extended family.*



Birthday Remembrances

Orla Carey

54th Birthday, 12th September

Of my much loved daughter Orla, so missed.
A loving daughter, a fantastic sister, aunty and
grand aunt. You had so much love and time for
everyone. A great heart.

Forever Young

We are sending a dove to Heaven Orla
With a parcel on its back

Be careful when you open it

Because its full of precious things

Inside are 54 kisses

Wrapped up with 54 hugs

To wish you a Happy Birthday

And they're sent with all our love

Loving you forever sweetheart

*Your heartbroken Mam, sisters, brothers,
nieces and nephews*

Happy Birthday Orla, forever. xxxxxx

John (Johnny) Griffin

88th Birthday, 12th September 2026

"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear"

Happy Birthday Da.

*Still greatly missed and always remembered by
his wife Lil, children - Anne, Claire, Ed and John,
his brother Eddie, sister Nancy and all his
extended family and friends, with lots of love
especially from his grandchildren - Saoirse, Finn
and Molly who miss their Grandad up in Heaven
xxx*

Also, remembering Johnny's brother **Joe** who
passed away earlier this year, may he rest in
peace. United now to tend Heaven's garden.

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out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com**



Congratulations to Joe, the Committee, and the Volunteers, on another great festival in Lucan.

I wonder, were there ever so many people in the village at the same time, such were the crowds on Sunday last.

Saturday in the grounds of Lucan House was also a big hit with people. Indeed, we had the colours, the smells, the noise, the hustle and bustle of great entertainment and enjoyment.

Can hardly wait 'til next year!!!



The Irish Dragoons were a big attraction at Lucan House, with their cannon firing, and below, a festive Main Street!



People's Art & Craft Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to this event in The Church of Ireland Parish Centre last weekend, and supported the various artists and crafters, bought raffle tickets, or had a cup of tea or coffee.

We are delighted to report that we raised almost €3000 for The Alice Leahy Trust. We in Lucan have a long association with supporting the Homeless through the work Alice and her team do. Without the support from the community this would not be possible.

Organisers of the People's Art and Craft Fair.



We want to thank Joe Byrne and all on the Lucan Festival committee as well as the team of volunteers for providing such a great few days of entertainment last week. It was particularly special to have Lucan House Grounds buzzing with all sorts of family activities on Saturday.



We in Lucan Tidy Towns had such an enjoyable time last Sunday participating in Family Festival Fun Day. Tidy Tim, our mascot, was there to greet the children and pose for photos. We were especially happy to have so many children drop by and plant their own bulbs which they can now watch growing in their own gardens in Spring. Some adults were interested in our micro display of stages of leaf composting. Others enquired about joining our team. We assured them that no qualifications were required - just a willingness to work and learn on the job as we all do. Then there's the nice cuppa and chat to be had afterwards.



Of course we had our Gold Medal 2025 on display. We look forward to hearing the results of this year's National Tidy Towns competition at the end of October and hopefully receiving another Gold Medal.

Kevin O'Loughlin

In My Time · StoryCatcher

A LOCAL PROJECT, LOOKING FOR LOCAL SUPPORT

Every family here has a
story worth keeping.

Local Lucan team working on an initiative to help families capture the memories of the older relatives, in their own voices. Tales of childhood, cultural changes, lived experiences in another time and many more. We all plan on doing it, sitting down and asking our parents or aging relatives to document their memories but, often, it never gets done.

This can be driven by not knowing how to initiate the chats, where to store the recordings or simply putting it off until tomorrow.

At www.InMyTime.app, we are trying to connect the generations through recorded conversations in any easy to use format - engaging all family members in building one life story.

We are only beginning and are looking for some multi-generational Lucan families to try it out and give feedback for further development. It is entirely voluntary and if interested, please contact barry.b.sisk@gmail.com and we can get you involved.

Finally, if there are any organisations with whom this initiative resonates - please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to share the vision we are trying to make happen.

Set Dancing Classes



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

Just come along - No partner
needed!

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



Women's
Collective
Ireland
Lucan

We are delighted to
be getting ready to
welcome women
back for our
Autumn Term.

We finished our last term with a lovely day trip to Monaghan to visit our sister WCI project, which was a wonderful way to end a very busy few months. Now we are looking forward to a new term packed with opportunities to **learn, create, connect and have your voice heard**, with programmes taking place across Lucan, Adamstown, Ballyowen and Balgaddy.

Registration Morning

Wednesday 16th September, 10am to 12pm
Ballyowen Community Centre

Our new term includes:

Conversation Club

Starting Monday 28th September in Adamstown

Community Art & Women Rising

Our Women in Leadership programme, starting
Tuesday 29th September

Restorative Yoga & Chair Yoga

Starting Wednesday 30th September in
Ballyowen

Mixed Arts & Crafts

Starting Wednesday 30th September in
Adamstown

55's & Thriving Social Group

Starting Wednesday 30th September in
Ballyowen

Textile Repair Train the Trainer

A NEW programme starting Thursday 1st
October in Balgaddy, giving women the
opportunity to develop textile repair skills and
become community trainers.

Registration is **€15** and allows women to take part
in one or more of our programmes. Yoga is **€40**
for the term.

We are also delighted to continue offering **free, confidential one to one counselling for women**, providing a safe, trauma informed space where women can access support at their own pace. There is lots more to look forward to this term, including **one off evening masterclasses, our Breast Cancer Awareness event, 16 Days of Action, Christmas workshops and our Nollaig na mBan celebrations.**

For more information: Women's Collective
Ireland Lucan, **083 860 7947**

Ballyowen Community Centre, Ballyowen Lane,
Ballyowen, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 N263

*Supporting women through connection, creativity,
learning and community.*



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Phone Pouches: Over the last number of days our students have been getting used to their new phone pouches. On entering the building in the morning each student places their mobile phone in a pouch which is locked for the day. The students can then unlock their phones at one of the many unlocking stations around the school at the end of the day.



Kippure Geography Trip: As part of their Leaving Certificate geography course a, sixth year students visited Kippure Estate on Tuesday 8th September. The students carried out a range of vital skills such as surveying, group work, data collection, analysis and report writing as they completed this element of their geography course.



Russborough Adventure Centre: On Tuesday, the transition years had a fantastic day out at their school tour at CP adventure centre in

Russborough House. The students sampled everything the great outdoors had to offer including archery, abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and fire making.

Open night: This year the school will host an Open Night on Thursday 8th October from 7:30pm.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

St. Kevin's Community College

OPEN NIGHT 2026

Our Annual Open Night will take place on Thursday, 24th September, from 6:00pm–7:30pm. It's set to be a fantastic evening and a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to explore our school, meet our teachers and SNAs, and get a feel for life at St Kevin's Community College. There'll be plenty happening throughout the evening, including Woodwork & Metalwork demonstrations, Science experiments, cooking in the kitchen, and much more! Come along, take a tour, meet our school community and see everything St Kevin's has to offer. We're looking forward to welcoming you all!



Coláiste Phádraigh

Leaving Cert Results: Congratulations to the Leaving Certificate Class of 2026, who achieved an excellent set of results this year. School management and staff were delighted with the performance of the year group, with a high number of H1 grades achieved across a wide range of subjects.

Particular congratulations go to Saif Abdelraheem, who achieved the maximum possible 625 CAO points, including six H1 grades. Saif also achieved the school's highest Junior Cycle results in 2024. His outstanding performance is a fitting reward for his exceptional commitment, dedication and work ethic throughout his time in the school.

There were strong performances across a number of subjects. Seven H1 grades were achieved across Physics, Chemistry and Biology, while five students achieved H1 grades in Higher Level Mathematics — approximately 30% above the national average. Engineering also performed strongly, with 14% of students achieving an H1 compared with a national average of 9%.

A particular highlight was the performance of our Computer Science students. 24% achieved a H1, double the national average. These results reflect the strong foundations developed through the school's Junior Cycle coding programme.

The school's Targeted System, which encourages students to set individual academic goals in partnership with their teachers, continued to play an important role in supporting student progress. The Resource and SEN teams also deserve particular recognition for ensuring that students receiving additional educational supports had every opportunity to fulfil their potential.

We wish all members of the Class of 2026 every success as they begin the next chapter of their lives. We are extremely proud of all their achievements.

School News: There has been plenty of excitement around the school at the start of the new term as students and staff have been getting to grips with our new mobile phone rules — and, of course, with the mysterious world of phone pouches and magnets!



As part of our new system, every student has been provided with a secure phone locker pouch. At the start of the school day, students place their mobile

phone inside the pouch, which then locks securely. The phone stays safely tucked away until it is time to head home.

At the end of the school day, students simply visit one of the magnet stations located at the main exits. A quick swipe of the magnet unlocks the pouch, and students are reunited with their phones.

The magnet stations can get a little busy at the end of the day as everyone makes their way home, and we would like to commend our students for their patience, good humour and excellent behaviour while queues and routines become established.

For our junior students, mobile phones remain locked away throughout the school day, unless a teacher gives permission for a specific classroom activity. If a phone is needed for an activity, the student visits the office to collect a mobile magnet before returning to class and unlocking everyone's phone pouch. Once the activity is finished, phones are simply locked away again.

Our senior students have a little more flexibility. They can access their phones at lunchtime if they are leaving the school grounds for lunch. Staff members will be present at the two main gates with mobile magnets at the ready — one in each hand, just in case we need to operate at maximum magnetic capacity! Students are then responsible for locking their phones away again before returning to the school building.

Like any new initiative, this has been a learning curve for both students and staff.

However, the most important thing is that the system is working, and our students deserve huge credit for the way they have embraced the change.

As the year progresses, we hope the biggest benefit will be seen across the school: fewer phones on display, fewer distractions and more opportunities for students to focus on learning, conversations, friendships and everything else that makes school life so important.

1st yr news: We are delighted to welcome our new cohort of 1st yr students to our school community this year. From their very first day, they have impressed staff with their excellent manners, enthusiasm, co-operation and positive attitude. The transition from primary to secondary school is a significant step, but our 1st yrs have adapted remarkably well, quickly becoming familiar with new subjects, classrooms, lockers, timetables and routines. They have also begun forming new friendships and getting involved in school life. We would like to thank our senior student prefects for their invaluable support in helping the new students settle in. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead together!

St. Vincent's Castleknock College

Open Day 2026 Wednesday 16th September

St. Vincent's Castleknock College is delighted to invite 2026 Sixth Class boys and their Parent(s) / Guardian(s) to the Open Day. This is a ticketed only event, and you must reserve your tickets in advance for your chosen time.

Each ticket covers entry for the Sixth Class boy and up to two of his Parent(s) / Guardian(s) for their chosen time. There are two sessions on the day commencing with an introduction to the College and followed by a tour. There are two sessions on the day which last for one hour each.

The link to reserve tickets will go live at 10:00 on Friday 4th September 2026.

Link to reserve tickets for the 14:00 to 15:30 session:

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/2372539>

Link to reserve tickets for the 16:00 to 17:30 session:

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/2372540>

Please note, if attending the 16:00 session, please do not arrive before 15:45 to permit earlier attendees to leave the campus.

Regarding Admissions for 2027, full information will be published on our website on 11th September 2026.

The No Name Club

are looking for volunteers interested in helping create a safe social space for young people, 15 – 18 years of age in the Lucan area. Volunteers would be required to give up 2 hours, one evening a week.



As a National Organisation No Name Club encourages young people to build their confidence, grow in self-esteem, and develop their personalities in friendly, safe environments.

You can find out more detail about No Name Club on our website, www.nonameclub.ie, reach out to admin@nonameclub.ie or feel free to contact Ethan directly at ejordan@nonameclub.ie or 087 217 2490 and he will be delighted to tell you more about you more about how No Name Club operates in different areas.



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Items that can be included in your Shoe Box:

Pens, Pencils, Colouring Pens, Crayons, Colouring Book, Paper, Sharpener, Eraser

Personal Care Items - Tootbrush, Tootpaste, Face Cloth, Small Hand Towel, Soap, Hairbrush, Comb (For Girls Hair Accessories), Socks, Underwear, Tee Shirt, Light Shorts

Treats - Playing Cards, Rubix Cube, Travel Size Games, Jigsaw Puzzles, Dolls, Cuddly Toy, Skipping Rope, Books, YoYos, Sweets (*Not Chocolate as it would melt*).

You can choose between the ages of 5 – 16 for boy or girl

If you could wrap the shoe box in Christmas paper lid and bottom separately and indicate whether for a boy or girl

€5 donation for transportation cost (if you can)



Adam Hodgkinson & Jordan Murphy
On Behalf of Aontas Choir

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email

OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared. Private Facebook group; "Society for Old Lucan (SOL)".

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>



Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>

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.

Lucan Library – September Events

Contact: Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Rd,
Lucan K78 V295. Tel: 01 6216422

Children's Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Brontannas Festival Am Scéalaíochta Monday 14th,
21st, 28th Sept at 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group Friday 18th September at
10.00am. Meets twice monthly.

No need to book, all welcome.

Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs

Thursday 17th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

A fun arts and crafts session.

Musical Tots Saturday

12th September at 10:30am.

STEAM Freeplay session Saturday

12th September 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Children
must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Teen Book Club Tuesday 15th September 4-5pm.

Meeting the third Tuesday of every month.

Please register at the library desk.

STEAM event: Coding for 8+ Tuesday 29th
September 5pm.



Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children

with Rebecca founder of This is Me and qualified
Play Practitioner. Thursday 17th September at 10am.

Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 25th September
from 12pm -2.00pm. Selection of sensory toys and
Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment.
Self-led session suitable for babies and young
children.



Adult Events:

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

Lucan Library Knitters Club:

Every Monday from 10am – 12pm.

English Conversation Group: Every Tuesday 2pm.

For people who would like to practice their English.
Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group:

24th September at 10am.

Whether writing a short piece or a whole book,
bring along your work to discuss.

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle:

“What’s the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 19th

September 12pm – 1.45pm. A Short Story Writer Club
for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt
challenge, and creatively collaborate.

Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on
[Eventbrite.ie](#).

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 17th September

at 6:30pm-7pm. Swap jigsaws/puzzles, meet and chat
with likeminded people.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 22nd September from 5.30pm.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:

Wednesday 23rd September 6pm. Building from our
recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a
cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.

Additional Adult Events:

Morning of Indian Classical Music: Saturday 19th
September 10am. Please book event on Lucan Library
[Eventbrite](#)

Braveheart And The Art Of Painting The Curragh:

Saturday 19th September 2:30pm. Talk in relation to the
Braveheart exhibition by Michael Rowley. Please book
event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Building a retirement fund: Thursday 24th September

6:30pm. Join us for a talk by financial advisor John
Miller from Lucan District Credit Union who will give
a presentation on building a retirement fund and
knowing your options on retirement. Please book event
on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

The Blue Max film showing: Saturday 26th September
11am. Film will start at 11:30am sharp. Book on Lucan
Library [Eventbrite](#)

Genealogist Consultations: Wednesday 30th

September. If you are interested in your family tree or
want to get advice on how to start, here is your chance
to book a one-to-one session with genealogist Ita
O’Boyle. Sessions available from 10am-4pm. Contact
the library desk to book your slot from 1st September.

DDLETB Beginners Computers Class: Register at
the library on 22nd September at 10am.

Class starts on 29th September at 10am and runs for 10
weeks until 8th December.

Book Clubs:

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

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 28th

September at 12pm. **Wednesday Book Club:**

Wednesday 30th September at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book Club:

Monday 21st September 6:45pm.

September Exhibitions:

From Monday 14th September:

Braveheart Movie Exhibition by Michael Rowley.



**The Red Line Book Festival returns
from Oct 12th – 18th 2026** with a
packed week of events across South
Dublin County.

This year's festival welcomes an exciting line-up of
writers and special guests including **Miriam
O’Callaghan, Cecelia Ahern, Louise O’Neill, Sarah
Waters, Ardal O’Hanlon, Emmet Kirwan and
Sophie Hannah.**

Other highlights include our inaugural Red Wine and
Crime night featuring some of Ireland's best crime
fiction writers, Songs from the Red Line –
a showcase of original music from up-and-coming
singer songwriters and our Red Line Poetry Evening.
The ever-popular Red Line Family Fun Day returns to
Parthalán Place for a free day of workshops, shows and
exciting events for the whole family. We look forward
to welcoming you to the Red Line Book Festival this
October for an amazing line up of events! Tickets are
on sale now. Book

Tickets at

[Red Line Book Festival 2026 | 12 to 18 October](#)



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 3rd September lotto jackpot of €18,200. The numbers drawn were **13, 16, 25 & 26**.

Lucky dips go to David Murray, Bridie Burke, Annette Healy, Thereze Quinn, John Maguire.

This week's Lotto on Thursday 10th September will be for a jackpot of €18,600.

This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing and will be led by Gerry McAndrew

Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Christmas Gala

Get the glad rags ready — the Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala is coming up on Saturday, 14th November at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip!

We're looking forward to a brilliant night bringing together members, players, coaches, parents, supporters and friends from across the club to kick off the festive season in style.

Drinks Reception from 7pm

4-Course Dinner including Wine

Live Music from Who's Eddie?

DJ till late

Tickets: €60 per person

It promises to be a fantastic social night and a great opportunity to swap the jerseys and tracksuits for the glad rags and enjoy a Christmas night out with the Lucan Sarsfields community. Tickets Available Now. Tickets are limited, so we'd encourage everyone planning to attend to book early and get your group together.

For tickets, contact: Sara Hickey: [086 8187070](tel:0868187070)

Maggie Mulqueen: [087 2866581](tel:0872866581)



Senior Camogie Championship

Castleknock 0-12, Lucan Sarsfields 0-15

Lucan Sarsfields Senior Camogie recorded an excellent 0-15 to 0-12 victory away to Castleknock in Group A of the PTSB Dublin Senior 1 Camogie Championship, following a hugely competitive contest in Somerton.

There was little between the sides throughout. Castleknock held a narrow 0-10 to 0-08 lead at half-time, with the teams having been level on three occasions during an entertaining opening half.

Lucan responded impressively after the break. Goalkeeper Amy Gorman played an important role with some excellent distribution, while Emma Flanagan brought plenty of experience to the Lucan defence. Laura Quinn was also heavily



involved as Lucan began to turn the contest in their favour. The scoring contributions were spread across the Lucan attack. Sinéad Daly produced an outstanding display at corner-forward, hitting six points from play, while Aoiheann Stokes also contributed six points, five of those coming from frees. Eva Collis added two important early scores.

It remained a remarkably tight contest, with the sides level on five occasions. As the game entered its closing stages, Lucan finally began to establish some daylight. Quinn's point helped move the visitors 0-13 to 0-11 ahead before Castleknock reduced the deficit once more.

Lucan finished strongly when it mattered most. Stokes fired over a crucial point from play before Daly capped an excellent individual performance with the final score of the game, sealing a deserved three-point victory, 0-15 to 0-12.

Manager John O'Connell praised the efforts of both teams afterwards, describing it as a superb contest and highlighting the quality and competitiveness of the Dublin Senior Camogie Championship.

The result gives Lucan their second victory from three championship outings, following an earlier one-point win away to Na Fianna and a defeat to Ballyboden St Enda's.

A fantastic championship win on the road for our Senior Camogie team and another important result as the group stages continue.

U16D Football Championship

Lucan Sarsfields 1-16 (19), St Mary's 1-12 (15)

Lucan Sarsfields opened their U16 D Championship campaign with an excellent four-point victory over St Mary's in a highly competitive clash between two sides who enjoyed successful league campaigns.

There was very little between the teams throughout the first half, with both sides playing some fine football and taking their chances well. St Mary's held the narrowest of advantages at the interval, with Lucan trailing by just one point at half-time.

Lucan produced a strong response after the restart. They began to take greater control of the contest, worked the ball well and showed plenty of composure when the opportunities arrived. The new two-point score also played an important part in the game, with Lucan landing three two-pointers, while St Mary's struck two of their own. With the game still very much in the balance heading into the closing stages, Lucan showed great character and determination. A strong finish saw them turn that half-time deficit into a four-point winning margin, eventually coming out on top on a scoreline of **1-16 to 1-12**.

SPORTS

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Bridge Classes for beginners
commencing
on

**Monday 21st September at Leixlip
Parish Centre 8.00pm**

Contact Bert or Marian McKay
0879220233 -

bertmckay538@gmail.com

0877677548 -email:

mmckay539@gmail.com

Qualified CBAI Teachers



LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

**Wednesdays at 7.30 pm
Springfield Hotel**

New members very welcome

Lucan Harriers 5 Mile Road Race 2026

The Lucan Harriers 5 Mile Road Race is back, on the **13th of September**. Start time is 10am. Run along the beautiful Grand Canal, finish on the tartan track in Lucan. The flat route is perfect for a personal best. With pacers to push you along. The race also incorporates the Dublin 5 Mile Championship.



Sign up for the race online
from the Lucan Harriers
website.

Murf Memorial

The 4th annual Murf Memorial took place at Lucan Golf Club on Saturday, 5th September, bringing together family and friends for a day of golf, competition and plenty of laughs.

The Murf Memorial was established in memory of Ciaran Murphy (Murf), who sadly passed away unexpectedly in 2022. The tournament is held each year on the weekend closest to Ciaran's birthday, 5th September. This year was particularly special as the tournament actually fell on Ciaran's birthday, making the occasion even more meaningful for everyone involved.



Thankfully, the weather stayed dry and the course was in great condition, allowing the 21 teams and 83 players to enjoy a fantastic day's golf.

Congratulations to the winning team Cian Fitzgerald, Graham Ward, Darren Egan and Declan Cunningham who took the coveted Murf Memorial Trophy home with an excellent net score of 57.90.



Some members from the winning team with some members of the family, at the celebrations.

The Murphy family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Lucan Golf Club for hosting this year's event, and to everyone who contributed to making the day such a success. The generosity and support received from sponsors, family and friends is hugely appreciated.

Importantly, all monies raised will be donated to the Family Heart Screening Clinic at the Mater Hospital.

POLITICAL NOTES

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GP Service – Adamstown:

The delay in seeing a promised GP service at the new Adamstown Primary Care Centre really is very disappointing and unacceptable. The wider offering by existing GP'S in Lucan is completely strained and has been this way for years. I am currently awaiting a response from the Minister to an official Parliamentary Question submitted through the office of my colleague Eoin Ó Broin TD for an update on this matter.

Lucan Festival and Airlie Park Events:

The weeklong Lucan Festival proved to be yet another amazing success, with record numbers attending various events. The grounds of Lucan House really have provided the community with a special place in the heart of the village.

The Cinema Day and Mobile Library event in Airlie Park last Saturday also saw almost 500 people in attendance. Full credit to everyone involved in both events last weekend.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Peace Commissioner

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD

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Village Green Stonework & Cleaning:

I've submitted a motion to Area Committee Meeting for 22 September, seeking a regular cleaning programme for stained limestone masonry at Lucan Green. My motion also requests a deep clean and application of a permanent seal.

First Lucan Village Culture Night 2026!

Join @ lucan_creativeartsnetwork Lucan Village on Friday 18 September, 5pm to 8.30pm for Lucan's first Culture Night! Enjoy drop-in music, drama, poetry-trail, literature, art, and heritage events across multiple village locations.

Congratulations to all individuals and groups involved in bringing the Arts to Lucan. See @lucan_creativeartsnetwork

Love Lucan Campaign:

The successful #LoveLucan campaign's been extended by SDCC after a busy summer (my motion proposed this campaign in 2205), promoting local businesses and Lucan as a destination. Businesses interested in further involvement contact hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Cost of living, Transport Issues and Antisocial Behaviour:

Along with my work on reform of the family law courts, these three issues will be my immediate focus as Dáil sittings resume. Over the summer my team and I called to 7,200 homes in Clondalkin and Lucan. I also continued my café clinics, which are now back to full swing. Keep an eye on my website for locations.

Bus shelter opposite Griffeen Nursing Home:

Helen and I have been chasing up the reinstatement of this bus shelter for some time. Good to see that installation is finally taking place.

Yellow box painting:

My office has logged multiple locations recently. Let us know if you spot any needing work.

Lucan Festival

Well done to the organisers on another successful event.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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Griffeen Roundabout:

Parents contacted me last week regarding road works at the Griffeen Avenue Roundabout, particularly during school drop-off and collection times. I spoke with the Roads Engineer and Road Safety Officer raising these concerns. Following an onsite inspection, they confirmed works are now taking place during agreed hours e.g. 10am to 4pm, and pedestrian management measures Avenue are in place. The works, expected to continue for approximately three weeks, are being carried out by the school contractor to provide the pedestrian crossings required under planning permission for Griffeen Community College.

Lucan Festival:

So many highlights during the week, it's not possible to pick out any one event. It's clear that community spirit is alive and well in Lucan. Congratulations to the Lucan Festival team, volunteers, and sponsors for delivering another great week of festivities in Lucan.

Metro Dart Presentation at Lucan Festival

If they people of Lucan had any say they wouldn't be supporting Metro Link when the alternative Metro Dart was exhibited at Lucan Festival 26. It was explained personally to over five hundred patrons, not even one showed any resentment to the Metro Dart that benefits all Dublin and



All Ireland with access to rail. There are even more advantages to Metro Dart that the Metro underground can't compete.

1. Has potential to provide adequate rail public transport to the ten new towns that will be built over the next two decades.
2. It fully utilises all Dublin rail lines at peak times both in and out.
3. It has the potential to eliminate false or fake rail usage, where users go into the centre unnecessary taking up seats to back out again to an outer destination. Metro underground will increase false usage from present almost 30% to over 50% as all train will go via the city centre. This adds up to two hours per day for many rail users to get to work outside the city centre. The main difference between the two options, Metro underground covers a small area of Dublin mostly for city centre and extremely expensive, Metro Dart overground takes users direct to all destinations around Dublin, especially for work, including Dublin Airport and the city centre.

Metro Dart is inexpensive, has even the potential to self-finance. Some were sceptical as they think it will never happen as powerful people don't want it to happen. It is a simple solution, O.N.E rail orbital around Dublin.

It's time we had an open debate on what is the best system for Irish commuters, pushing it under the carpet benefits nobody.

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What an Incredible Lucan Festival!

A massive well done to everyone involved in the Lucan Festival. I was delighted to be there over the weekend, meeting so many families, community groups and local organisations who were full of enthusiasm and pride for our area. The festival brought wonderful energy to Lucan, with people of all ages enjoying games, music, local stands and a fantastic atmosphere. Everywhere I went, volunteers were working hard and neighbours were catching up, creating a real sense of togetherness. Events like this don't happen by accident, they are the result of dedicated organisers and a strong community spirit. I want to thank everyone who contributed their time and creativity to make the festival such a success. I already can't wait until next year's celebration.



We are recruiting Volunteer Drivers in your area!

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community.

Why Volunteer?
Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed resulting in a hugely rewarding volunteer experience for you.

What is required?
If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Full training will be provided.



I absolutely love volunteer driving – meeting new people all the time, having a chat and helping ease their burden at the same time is a great feeling - *Pauline*

Does this sound like you?

For more information or to become a volunteer driver, scan the QR code or contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Fr. Ubaldo has been on holidays for two weeks in Cork, Cavan and Donegal and from the photographs he has sent me he seems to have taken a shine to farming. He looks the part on the tractor.



Anna has sent us another photo from her visit to Warsaw, this time of a sculpture of the Mermaid of Warsaw located in the Old Town Market Place. There are numerous legends surrounding the mermaid, the most popular being that she protects the city and its residents. The sculpture is credited with

popularising the mermaid as the city's symbol and influencing later designs of its coat of arms.

Josie was in the grounds of Carton House, Maynooth and sent us a photo of the Tyrconnell Tower allegedly originally built by Richard Talbot, 1st Earl of Tyrconnell (c. 1630 – 1691) and intended for his mausoleum. Talbot was Lord deputy of Ireland from 1687 to 1689. The official title of the tower is The Prospect Tower.



Joe was at the Lucan Festival at the weekend and sent in a photo of the Tesla Cybertruck, a pretty ugly looking beast. According to Elon Musk, the Tesla CEO and wealthiest person in the world, the design of the Cybertruck was inspired by *Blade Runner* and "Wet Nellie", the Lotus Esprit driven by James Bond in *The Spy Who Loved Me*, and which doubled as a submarine.



Finally, Kay sent in some more photos of the flowers in her garden which she entitled "the last of summer".

Stay safe till next week!