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Sunday 20th September 2026

Everyone has a Story to Tell!

We each have a story in life that is as unique as our fingerprints. Behind every seemingly ordinary person is some extraordinary tale that contains a variety of experiences that really matter. We can easily look at the people who seem most significant in any cohort of community and ascribe to them as having the greatest importance of experiences and knowledge. Every group has its' leaders, speakers, doers, to-the-front people in roles ascribed or personally taken. In many situations, they are the best people for the roles concerned, but everyone else matters also and deserve to be given credence for their opinions and experiences regardless of where they might seem to stand on the rungs of society's ladder.

How do we look at people as we enter each day? If we look at them anew, we will have ears to listen and hearts to really hear. Today just might be the day that they need to be heard or need help. Today might be the day when someone we encounter incidentally may have the answers to some question that we may have. Today may be the day when we meet a new person who might become a new friend! Today might be the day when we see someone we know well in a very new way! Today may be the day that we may hear some part of the sacred story of someone who lets us into the place where their most precious uniqueness holds its' marks. Today may be the day when we may have what it takes to meet someone else's needs or vice versa. Such encounters often connect with some part of our own story too.

There is no such person as an ordinary one! We are all created with great purpose and gifts and talents that benefit ourselves and others. Every single one of us has something unique to offer to the conversation, the company in which we sit and the world. We have a mark to make on the world that matters, no matter how small it might be. There never will be another you or me! We each have a unique story that matters in both the big picture and the small picture of the world! We each make ripples through our words, actions and presence. May the lines of our life's story told and heard be like ripples that sooth or stir the heart of another in this day.

*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

Fuel Allowance Payment Dates 2026/2027

The weekly Fuel Allowance Payment will begin in the last week of September 2026, and it will be paid on the same day as your usual weekly pension or benefit. (Unless you have opted for lump-sum payments.)

The final weekly fuel allowance payment is due to be made in the first week of May 2027.

Fuel allowance claimants can also receive the Fuel Allowance in 2 lump sums instead of weekly payments.

If you opted for lump sum payments instead of weekly:

The first lump sum of €532 will be paid in the last week of September 2026.

The second lump sum of €532 is due in the 1st week of January 2027.

New Consumer Rights to get Goods Repaired

Since 31 July 2026, you may have the right to get some goods repaired by the manufacturer after your rights against the seller have ended.

The manufacturer is responsible for the repair and must do so free of charge, or for a reasonable price. You can also choose who repairs your goods.

The rules apply to certain goods covered by EU repair rules, including:

Washing machines and washer-dryers, Tumble dryers, Fridges and freezers, Dishwashers, TVs

and other electronic displays, Vacuum cleaners, Mobile phones, cordless phones and tablets, Welding equipment, Servers and data-storage products, Goods with batteries used for light means of transport, Domestic local space heaters

Not every product in these categories is covered, and the list may change as new EU rules about repairs are introduced. Find out more about getting goods repaired after the seller's obligations have ended.

Changes to the law on Planning Permission

Since 27 July 2026, there are new exempted development rules when making minor alterations to your home.

This means that if you meet the conditions, you no longer need planning permission for certain work that previously needed permission.

You can now make the following changes to your home without planning permission:

Add a small, detached home in your back garden.

Add a structure in your garden of up to 30 square metres, like a shed or home office.

Divide your home into 2 separate self-contained units.

Extend your home by up to 45 square metres (previously 40 square metres).

Add roof lights to the roof at the front of the house.

Add a dormer roof extension and dormer window to the side or back of your house.

Add a ground heat pump system to the front or roof of your house.

Add external wall insulation to your house

Remove a chimney.

Add bike or bin storage to your home.

You should check with your local authority about planning permission for minor changes before you start building. Find more about changes you can make without planning permission.

DUBLIN FRIENDSHIP CLUB

is being launched on **Monday 28th September** at 1pm for the people of Dublin over 50 years of age.

If you want to make new friends and take part in lots of social activities this is the club for you.

Phone 083 3434480

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great Summer, and looking forward to another term at the club.



Some of our members on our annual holiday.



We will have Scrabble, Bowls, Table Tennis, Cards and other games as requested by the members. Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 am.

New members always very welcome.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FRIDAY SEPT 18th IN LUCAN?

After the come down from Lucan Festival there's more coming - and it's ALL FREE. We're collaborating with many local groups to bring Lucan Village Culture Night.

Friday 18 September is Culture Night and you don't have to enter a closed-off festival site or commit to one event. Just head into Lucan Village and have a wander.

Drama & Comedy, Live Music, Art Show, Storytelling, Poetry & Literary Trail, Dance, Historic graveyard tour

Drop into the Methodist Hall, visit the art show in the Presbyterian Church, follow the trail along Main Street or head for the graveyard tour as evening falls.

No entrance gate. No ticket needed. Pick what you fancy and come and go as you please.

Friday 18 Sept 5pm til Late Around Lucan Village. FREE

- Self-guided Literary Trail along Main Street (Shops & Windows)*
- Art Exhibition: Presbyterian Church*
- Rotating 20 min performances: Methodist Church*
- Live Music & Dance: Lucan Village Green*
- Graveyard Tour: behind O'Neill's pub (queue from 7pm) *Everything else 5pm to late!

Follow us on Facebook at Lucan Creative Arts Network and on Instagram @lucanculturenight



Date: Friday, 2nd October
Time: 10am – 1.30pm
Venue: Leixlip Youth & Community Family Resource Centre – Book using QR Code.



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 23rd September:
Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

New members welcome!



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.*

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment 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, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

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.

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.*

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



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.

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

Deepest Sympathy the family and friends of **Peter Ward**, Castleknock and to the family and friends of **Denis Sherry**, Cherbury Park *May they rest in peace.*



Helping the Christians in The Holy Land

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

St Mary's Church
THIS WEEKEND

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.

Ajif Khader, The Holy Cross Group - Bethlehem



The annual collection for Crosscare takes place at all Masses in all Churches
THIS weekend of 19th/20th September.

This will be in place of the usual SHARE collection.

Please **DO NOT USE** the card machines for this special collection.

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. Morning Mass will be at 11am until further notice.

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.

Bingo:

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



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.*

St Vincent De Paul St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **NEXT Sunday 27th September**

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Padre Pio
Annual
Pilgrimage to
Knock Shrine

There are some places available on this pilgrimage to Knock
this Sunday 20th September.

Contact: Breege, 086 2725875

Anniversaries



Elizabeth Bevan

2nd Anniversary 20th September

Forever in our hearts although we are apart.

Missing you always.

Louise, John and family.

Kathleen and Áine Heneghan

10th Anniversary

Always loved and remembered

The Heneghan family.



A CALL TO GRACE

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY
RETURN OF THE RELICS

MORNING STAR HOSTEL
25TH ANNIVERSARY MILESTONE

WELCOMING THE HOLY RELICS OF
ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX
& HER CANONISED PARENTS,
STS. LOUIS & ZÉLIE MARTIN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 nd	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 rd
📍 De Montfort House & Morning Star Hostel - Morning Star Avenue, Dublin 7, D07 VA03 🕒 13:00 Procession & Reception of the relics by His Grace Most Reverend Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin 🏠 15:30 Holy Mass	📍 Morning Star Hostel - Morning Star Avenue, Dublin 7, D07 VA03 🕒 10:00 Veneration All Day 🕒 17:00 Holy Mass and Benediction celebrated by Most Reverend Bishop Paul Dempsey

ALL WELCOME
TO PRAY FOR SPECIAL CONCERNS OR REQUESTS



Come and
ADORE HIM

MASS AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

GET TOGETHER

📅 SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

📍 CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY AND
PARISH CENTRE BEAUMONT
EIRCODE D05 XBF8

10.00 am	Holy Mass
11.00 am	Guided Eucharistic Adoration - Fr Adrian Crowley
12 noon	Why I do Eucharistic Adoration - Rita Daly and other members of Dublin North Eucharistic Adoration Committee.
12.30 pm	How you can promote or develop Eucharistic Adoration in your parish - Discussion with useful pointers
1.00 pm	Lunch and Close Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be served.

YOU ARE INVITED BY
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To join now simply go to our parish website

<https://www.stpatrickslucan.ie/st-patricks-parish-lucan-lottery/>



Happy Days - Hosepipe

Ban lifted! Not sure what we need the hosepipe for these days with plenty of showers around.

The last cuts of Summer!

Great to hear all the lawnmowers on the go again, and also the hedge clippers, after the long hot season of yellow grass! It was lovely to have it, but nice to be getting back to normal. We're not really complaining about the rain yet!

65th Liffey Descent this Saturday! Bring yourselves and the kids to this spectacular event. With the Weir Promenade back in action, we once again have a great vantage point for all the thrills and spills.

A few facts....

The race course consists of 10 weirs and 1 portage.

It starts in the grounds of the K Club in Straffan, at 12 noon.

It finishes over 30 kilometres later at the Memorial Gardens in Island Bridge.

There are 500 competitors from home and abroad, and several classes of boats will make the journey on the day.



This year's Festival was blessed with good weather which reflected the great crowds that attended the events.

Thanks to all the members of the Committee: Dara McCraith, Anne Stallings, Paul Madden, Patricia Graham and Joe Reid for their help and attendance since January last.

In particular we would to spotlight Sgt Paul Moran of the Gardai who apart from helping the Committee also organized the Garda Station open day.

All who helped by volunteering their time particularly over the weekend.

The following were supporters who due to print deadline were not mentioned in our programme: **CDP Architecture Main St., Tax Assist Lucan, Dental Care Ireland Ballyowen and J P Egan Accountants.**

Next year's Festival will run from Mon 30th August to Sun 5th September.

SEE YOU THERE!

Joe Byrne, Chairman



Red Sky at night! Sunday last over Lucan, and the old saying rang true, with a magnificent day on Monday, 25C for a while in the afternoon!



We spotted another piece of Street Art, at the entrance to Laraghcon, over the Summer, and some others have been refreshed. They certainly brighten up the place.

Have you noticed?

The Chestnuts are fewer, and smaller in size than other years – apparently, the great heat of Summer is to blame!

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is delighted to announce the return of SOLfest on Saturday November 7th next, our highly successful one day seminar on various aspects of local history. As last year the venue will be the beautiful St Andrew's Church in Main St. Admission cost has been held at last years figure of €35 and includes a lunchtime meal, refreshments through out the day and also a short visit to the Blessed Virgin Mary graveyard in the heart of the village. All speakers are local except for our specil guest, well known historian, broadcaster and author, Donal Fallon.





PRED FOUNDATION SHOE BOX APPEAL

Items that can be included in your Shoe Box:

Pens, Pencils, Colouring Pens, Crayons,
Colouring Book, Paper, Sharpener, Eraser
Personal Care Items - Toothbrush, Toothpaste,
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*

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

Carers & Toddlers Group

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



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 21st September:

Our ladies continue to work on
their craft projects.

Tea Hostesses: Patricia
Harding and Mary Rudden.



Thank you to all the ladies who contributed so
generously to our collection for St. Francis
Hospice, Blanchardstown; this is a very worthy
cause.



A big thank you also to the members who knitted
baby jumpers for newborn babies in Uganda,
some so poor they are sent home from hospital
wrapped in newspaper. We donated 65 of these
little jumpers which will be given to Dublin
Federation President Antoinette Rae on
Saturaddy, to be sent off to Uganda.



We invited Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, our Parish
Curate, to come in to see them. He said a few nice
words of thanks and a prayer; he also blessed our
work. We thank him so much. Fr. Ubaldo is a
native of Uganda.

We also had a surprise visit from a former
member, Sadie O'Hanlon, who moved to Athy
some years ago. She was delighted to chat with
members she knew from her years in Lucan
I.C.A. It was lovely to see her again.

We were delighted to received good news from
Vancouver on Tuesday, on the birth of a baby girl
to Marie-Claire Bligh and her husband
Kevin. We send congratulations to
Pauline and Joseph Bligh, the proud
grandparents who are now looking
forward to meeting their new
granddaughter.



Mary Curley



Lucan Community College

2nd year Student Soccer Success: We are incredibly proud of Sadhbh, 2nd Year Class Allen, who was recently called up to the Republic of Ireland U15 International Squad! Sadhbh was in Croatia representing Ireland in a three-game international series against Croatia, Slovakia and Ukraine. She started on the right wing in Ireland's fantastic 5-0 victory over Croatia, an incredible achievement and a very special moment for Sadhbh.

What a fantastic experience for Sadhbh, who is making wonderful memories on the international stage. We are so proud to see one of our students representing her country.

Well done, Sadhbh. We are so proud of you!



TY Trip to Causey Farm: Our TY students enjoyed their annual day trip to Causey Farm. They got stuck into making homemade soda bread, took on the challenge of 'bog jumping' and worked together to figure out the adventure maze. It was a great day of fun, laughter and plenty of muddy clothes! The trip is a lovely way for the

TY students to spend time together, build friendships and get to know each other as the school year gets underway.



St. Kevin's Community College

Open Night 2026: 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

Open Night 2026: Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night will take place on Thursday, 1st October, from 5pm–7pm.

The evening will provide an opportunity to explore our school, meet teachers and students, and get a taste of life at our school. Visitors can enjoy guided tours, classroom demonstrations, displays, quizzes, interactive games, dramatic performances and plenty of other activities throughout the school.

There will also be an opportunity to chat with current students about their experiences and learn more about the wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer, including soccer, GAA, basketball, golf, badminton, athletics, music, film, lego and graphics clubs, as well as many other activities.

We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families and giving them a chance to discover all that Coláiste Phádraigh has to offer.

Soccer: The first round of trials for our 1st yr soccer team got underway on Thursday after school, and it was an extremely encouraging start. A fantastic turnout saw 42 enthusiastic and talented students take to the pitch, all eager to impress the coaches and earn a place on the school panel.

The students were divided into five teams for a series of 8-a-side matches, with two half-sized pitches providing plenty of opportunities to get on the ball and showcase their abilities. A skills station was also set up on the GAA pitch, allowing the fifth team to work on their skills while waiting to play.



Mr Cullen and Mr Russell were on the side-lines throughout, carefully assessing the players across a wide range of areas, including technical ability, first touch, ball control, decision-making, teamwork, leadership, movement, athleticism, recovery pace, aerial ability and sportsmanship.

Three Transition Year students — James Donnelly, Alex McMahon and Aaron Becker — also made a fantastic contribution, helping with refereeing, coaching and playing. Trials will continue every Thursday after school throughout September.

The first u15 trial took place on Tuesday, with 40 students from 1st, 2nd and 3rd yr competing for places at the second and final trial next week.

Subject Options: Our 1st yr students are currently taking part in their seven-week Subject Taster Module, an exciting opportunity to experience subjects that may be new to them. With Engineering, Wood Technology, French, German, Graphics, Home Economics and Visual Art all included, students can explore different skills and learning styles before making their Junior Cycle subject choices.



The Home Economics classroom was a hive of activity as students got their first taste of working in a secondary school kitchen. During a double practical period, the budding chefs put their skills to the test by making delicious chocolate chip cookies.

The lesson introduced students to a range of essential kitchen skills. They learned about the role of different ingredients, practised accurately measuring using digital weighing scales and discovered why precision is particularly important when baking. They also learned how to soften butter, safely handle a knife, crack an egg correctly and use an electric mixer.

The practical provided plenty of opportunities to develop important habits such as organisation, teamwork, accuracy and safe working practices. Students were reminded about the safe use of electrical equipment and learned how to handle hot baking trays using oven gloves.

The class produced 18 cookies, with six placed on each of three baking trays. As the cookies baked, the wonderful aroma filled the Home Economics room, creating plenty of excitement as students waited to taste the results of their hard work!

Continued over.....

St. Joseph's College

Rome Trip: Mr Smith and his Classics class have been in Rome since Monday and are currently exploring and learning about all the sites and monuments of ancient Rome. During the course of their trip the students will visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and Circus Maximus.

National Museum of

Ireland: Sixth year art students visited the National Museum of Ireland and the Temple Bar Gallery and Studios on Thursday 10th September as part of their Leaving Cert visual studies course. Students drew Bronze Age and Iron Age objects in the National Museum. In Temple Bar, artist Vanessa Donoso Lopez spoke to the group about her solo exhibition 'O-O-O'. Mr Barry and Mr Smyth accompanied Ms. Garvey on the trip.

National Ploughing Championships: Last Tuesday, transition years along with their tutors were up early to beat the traffic as they went off to the Ploughing Championships. It was a fantastic day in the Sun for all involved. The students got involved in welly throwing and sheep shearing and also enjoyed the many stalls and wonderful food that was available on the day.

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Find us on our

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Coláiste Phádraigh *continued....*

Alongside the practical skills, students were introduced to ideas around nutrition, healthy eating, food waste and the benefits of being able to prepare food independently.

Transition Year: This week, our TY students headed to Howth Head for a spectacular coastal hiking adventure. With warm, dry and calm conditions, the students were treated to breath-taking views across Dublin Bay towards Ireland's Eye and Lambay Island as they tackled the circular trail around the peninsula.

The hike provided much more than physical exercise. Students experienced the natural environment at first hand, spotting seabirds, butterflies and even a seal near the cliffs. They encountered gorse, heather and wild thyme along the trail and enjoyed the opportunity to step away from screens and spend time outdoors with friends.

Also during the week, the first group of TY litter pickers headed out into Lucan as part of their Social Education module and our involvement in the Tidy Towns initiative. Wearing their high-visibility vests, the four students made a very visible contribution to the local community and received numerous compliments from members of the public who saw them working.



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 21st, 28th Sept at 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.
STEAM event: Coding for 8+ Tuesday 29th September 5pm.

Neurodiverse Events:

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

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:

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 Exhibition:

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](#)

Improvements to the New Village Green Construction

The history of Lucan dates back to 8,000 BC when the Glacier movement made a ridge of sand from Lucan to Galway. Lucan people all want to maintain the historic character and atmosphere of the place especially around the Village green. Make it look better, work better feel more connected, to maintain a proper village feel. Maintain its unique history with the river running through it and the lovely, mature surroundings. A structure that takes into account the special character and sensitivities of the village and its people.

The new construction has shown some functional benefits; the new seating arrangements have been a welcome success and are extensively in use by the public. The good news is It can be further improved without high cost. The site also needs weekly cleaning; see the right-hand side photo above. The SDCC is considering a process of high-pressure cleaning. They are also considering some much-needed improvement to the water drainage system on the site.

The main problem, apart from requiring frequent cleaning, is the very bright colour of the limestone. It emphasizes the food and other oily stains that have accumulated on the Limestone surface. This condition makes for an unhealthy and unsightly construction for locals and visitors.

Bright white limestone blocks can be painted or chemically covered to change the limestone to a different colour such as Blue / Gray. Also, by fitment of a wood effect tile. The wood effect tiles would change the character of the site to a much warmer, more suitable colour for the surrounding village buildings.



The SDCC has 3 choices that would substantially improve the site.

- 1) Fit the wood effect Tiles as seen previously in the Newsletter. This solution has the most warming effect.
- 2) Paint or chemically cover the Limestone with Blue / Gray colour as seen on the right.
- 3) The best choice would be a combination of both 1) and 2) above. The sides of the limestone blocks be fitted with wood effect Tiles. The top of the limestone blocks be changed to a Grey / Blue colour.

If 70 percent of the population has not approved of this new construction, changes should be made to improve the quality of the existing construction.

If you agree with the above changes to the site, please inform your local County Councillor.

Liam Murray



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Closing Date: Friday 25th September

Lucan Drama

Open Mic thanks, our new website & One-Act Plays



A big thank you to everyone who came along on Wednesday 3rd September for our Open Mic Night. It was a fantastic evening, with performers giving their all and a great crowd in to enjoy it. Thanks to every one of the poets, singers, storytellers and actors who got up and performed, and as always, thanks to the team at Courtney's for looking after us so well.

I'm also delighted to share that Lucan Drama now has its own website. You can find us at <https://lucandrama.ie> with all our latest news, events and ways to get involved in one place.

Looking ahead, our One-Act Plays take to the stage at Courtney's for four nights, Monday to Thursday, 19th to 22nd October. This year's programme features three plays: Reunion, Lunch Hour by John Mortimer, and Latte by Sarah Fahy. It promises to be a great few nights of live drama, so put the dates in your diary. More details to follow soon.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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Scoil Áine Naofa & St. Thomas' JNS.:

A public consultation is open on proposed **Safe Routes to School** improvements. Proposed works include safer crossings, traffic calming, continuous footpaths, school zone signage and measures to prevent footpath parking. Earlier this year, funding of €150,000 for Scoil Áine Naofa and €100,000 for St. Thomas' JNS was allocated. Consultation closes on **28/09/2026**

6pm Submissions can be made at Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie.

Lucan House & Demesne:

The project has now moved into detailed design for the full masterplan with Stephen Foley Architects appointed as lead designers. This is a Part 8 project and the next phase will be public consultation on the proposed plan.

Adamstown Civic Centre:

€7.5 million in Government funding secured this week for the Civic Centre, which will include a library, enterprise space and public realm improvements.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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WhatsApp: 0892364871.

Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Dáil report:

This week as the Dáil resumed I managed to raise a number of issues around Garda numbers, antisocial behaviour and random assaults, as well as the cost of living and our future energy security. Other debates I contributed to included neutrality policy and overseas development aid as part of Ireland's EU Presidency.

Fare increases and public transport investment:

Another issue I will be focusing on is the ongoing lack of investment in our bus and rail services. Lots of additional housing land rezoned recently but we already have insufficient tie-in for those areas already developed or approved for construction.

Lucan and Adamstown Video updates

Cllr Helen Farrell and I are releasing a number of updates this month and the first one is already online at www.bit.ly/LASept26.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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Supporting Biodiversity in South Dublin's Business Parks:

I was delighted to secure support for my motion at this month's SDCC full council meeting, exploring how biodiversity can be enhanced in our industrial estates and business parks around the county. Building on research from Maynooth University, and the committed work already being led by the SDCC's Climate Action team, this initiative looks at how these often-overlooked spaces can become valuable habitats for insects, birds, and native plants.

With South Dublin home to a thriving business sector, there is a real opportunity to create greener workplaces, improve local ecosystems and contribute to climate resilience. Small changes across large industrial areas can deliver significant benefits for both the environment and the wider community. More on this to follow.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent – Peace Commissioner

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Your Independent Voice! Just a message away! Street Lighting:

My motion passed at this week's Council meeting asking SDCC to review how street-light faults are detected, repaired and examine improved automated technology that could identify faults quickly including lights that fail, dim or remain on during the day helping ensure no area is left in darkness unnecessarily. Management has committed to examining feasibility and I have requested provision for a pilot in Budget 2027.

Lucan Sisters Shed:

Delighted with our relaunch last Friday at Courtney's Cottages, Lucan Village. We meet every Friday 10.30am–12.30pm. Please contact me or drop in to see what it's all about.

Culture Night:

Best of luck to everyone involved in Lucan Village's first Culture Night this Friday 18 September. Huge congratulations to all who helped make it happen.

Follow [@cllrlionaotoole](https://www.facebook.com/cllrlionaotoole) on Facebook- Instagram- TikTok.



Upgrading Local Rail benefits Metro Dart

By upgrading the local rail in Dublin to Dart standard including both the Lucan and Maynooth rail lines will be a great benefit to the surrounding areas. This means all the rail lines in the Dublin area will then be of Dart standard. These only take users to the city centre area. Now with one extra loop Dart line all these lines can be linked up providing direct access to all areas around Dublin not just the city centre, then this is a Metro Dart.

This would be a great benefit to all rail users in Dublin. The new Dart carriages are of a very high standard far ahead of the existing Dart fleet that provided a wonderful rail service to those who could avail of it. As the city is expanding and more activities have grown outside the city centre and more to come, it makes great sense to link up the full rail network to serve these areas outside the centre especially for work and then we will have a good rail network in Dublin.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 @acratu.com

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.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin

Traditional Irish Music

Learn Traditional Irish Music with Comhaltas Lucan. Limited availability in classes for children aged 6+ & adults. All levels.

Lucan Comhaltas, a voluntary organisation whose primary objective is to teach and promote Irish traditional music, has reopened for classes on Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm to 8.30pm at Coláiste Cois Life.

If you or your children are interested in learning tin whistle, flute, guitar, banjo, mandolin, sean-nós singing, button accordion, harp or concertina, please email our volunteers at lucan@comhaltas.net for further information or enrol online at www.lucancomhaltas.net



Members have free access to informal, teacher-led, sessions and free grúpa cheoil classes throughout the evening, catering for students of all levels.

The atmosphere at Coláiste Cois Life is inclusive, friendly and welcoming. We provide free tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the evening for everyone, including parents and guardians. So come along and let you or your children learn the music, have a cuppa and make new friends. Some instruments may be available to rent. We are delighted to welcome both new and returning members.

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:

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Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 10th September lotto jackpot of €18,200. The numbers drawn were 4, 5, 6, 28.

Lucky dips go to Cormac Gordon, Mick Roche, Paul McCormac, Kevin O'Toole, Matt McCaffrey.

This week's Lotto on Thursday 10th September will be for a jackpot of €18,600. This draw is sponsored by John Ryan

Accountant and will be led by

Edel Mooney

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)



Ladies Football Championship

Lucan Sarsfields 5-10, St Brigid's 2-13

Lucan Sarsfields secured their place in the Ladies Football Championship semi-final following a strong second-half performance against St Brigid's.

Playing with the benefit of a strong wind in the opening half, Lucan started brightly and worked hard to make the conditions count. It was a competitive and closely fought opening 30 minutes, with both sides finding the net and little separating them on the scoreboard.

Lucan looked set to take a slightly more comfortable advantage into the interval, but a St Brigid's goal just before the break narrowed the gap considerably. Lucan still held the lead at half-



time, **2-07 to 2-06**, but with the wind now favouring St Brigid's, there was plenty of work still to be done.

Rather than allowing the conditions to dictate the second half, Lucan came out with real purpose after the restart. Their work rate increased across the pitch and some excellent movement and link-up play began to open up the St Brigid's defence. Lucan produced some superb team scores, with a number of well-worked goals giving them the breathing room they needed. As the half progressed, they began to stamp their authority on the contest, combining hard running and intelligent use of possession with some clinical finishing in front of goal.

At the other end, Abby Shiels produced an outstanding performance in the Lucan goal. With St Brigid's continuing to pose a threat, Abby pulled off a number of massive saves at crucial moments, helping to keep Lucan in front and preventing their opponents from building any momentum.

It was an impressive all-round second-half display from Lucan, particularly given they were playing into the strong wind. The team showed composure, determination and excellent teamwork to take control of the game and see out a deserved victory.

The result means Lucan Sarsfields are through to the Championship semi-finals, where they will face Raheny for a place in the final.

A huge well done to all the players and management, and thanks as always to everyone who came out to support the team.

Cupla Focal

Our Cupla Focal is starting again on Monday 21st September at 7 pm in the clubhouse.

To register your interest please send your details to cuplafocalclub@gmail.com

Lucan Sarsfields Gaa Academy

Our Academy is all about giving boys and girls the chance to get active, have fun, make new friends and enjoy their first experience of Gaelic Games in a friendly and welcoming environment. New players are always welcome! No previous experience is needed — just come along and give it a go.

Saturdays, Boys and Girls ages 4 to 7.

2021 & 2022, 9am; 2020, 10am; 2019, 11am.

So spread the word, bring a friend and come down and see what our Academy is all about!

See you all in the 12th Lock on September 12th

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Work continues on the selection of photographs for our 14th Exhibition on 20th and 21st November in the Parish Centre. The cut-off date is Friday 2nd October to allow time for printing, mounting and framing.

This week we begin with Joe's photograph of the sculpture of Ernest Shackleton who led three expeditions to Antarctica between 1907 and 1922, the most legendary being "Nimrod" from 1914 to 1916. The sculpture is located at the "Shackleton Experience" which is located in the historic Athy Town Hall. Joe also submitted a photo of a tall ship that was taking part in last weekend's Dublin City Council Liffey Festival.



Josie sent us a photo of the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria of Palma located in Mallorca. The cathedral's east rose window is the second-largest Gothic rose window in the world, after Strasbourg's. Construction on the cathedral began in the 13th century and continued into the 17th century.



Anna sent us a photo of a puffball mushroom. These mushrooms have a long history in traditional medicine world-wide and have been used to stop bleeding and as a dressing for wounds, burns, and sores. Modern scientific analysis has lent support to these traditional practices.

Finally, we have a photograph of St. Colmcille's tower in Kells, Co. Meath also submitted

by Anna. According to tradition St. Colmcille founded a monastery at Kells about 554 AD. In 563 he went into self-imposed exile on the Isle of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland and founded another settlement.

Stay safe till next week!

