LUCAN NEWSLETTER

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Building Strength and Resilience!

In an age when we sometimes spend too much time sitting down compared with times when walking, lifting and carrying was part of the natural part of every day we are encouraged to take exercises and do workouts! Personally, I love to walk for relaxation at the beginning or end of every day and I enjoy workouts too. I don't work to get a Popeye body, just one that is strong enough for everything that I need to do in life currently and to retain physical resilience going forward.

When working with weights, we start with what is comfortable and gradually build up resistance and weights so that we become stronger though action that it neither overly repetitious or under-demanding. With each kilo added in any action, it feels like the extra work it is meant to be and with consistency and practice, another kilo will be popped on in a few weeks again and used in a variety of ways!

What is true for the building and strengthening of the physical body is also true for our mind and spirit if we are to have the resilience to deal with the challenges, opportunities and obstacles of life. Consistency in dealing with real life problems and taking on a little more each time keeps us mentally alert and able for whatever life will throw at us. There might be a little anxiety or stress at the thought of a new challenge, but it is that very stress that gives us the momentum to get into the challenge and figure out how we can deal with it.

I disliked the 'problems' that presented in Maths books as a child as they never related to the real problems which we dealt with naturally when shopping or calculating for a race, etc. It is important that children and young people are given the opportunity to face their own challenges. They need to feel the weight of challenges so that they may grow to believe that they have what it takes to work most of life out for themselves. The load will build up as life unfolds, but if they have the practice of making and taking decisions for themselves so that they can really own the can-do moments of life.

When we do for someone rather than enable them or upskill them for ability, we take away their power of ownership of their work or lives. I fall into the trap myself as I might be quicker doing whatever it might be, myself. If we are to build strong bodies, minds and spirits it is better that we all do it, so that any challenge can be grabbed by many and add to the creativity of the responses. Otherwise, a small few will get worn out and everyone else get flabby in body, mind or spirit not knowing their great potential!

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

Fuel Allowance is a payment to help with the cost of heating your home during the winter months. It is paid to only one person in a household.
The Fuel Allowance season normally begins in late September of each year and ends in April.
The 2026/2027 Fuel Allowance season is due to start on Monday, 28 September 2026 and be paid for 28 weeks.

You can apply for the Fuel Allowance online. You must have a MyGovID account to apply online.

If you can't apply online, you can use a paper application form.

If you are aged under 66, fill in the NFS1 form to apply for fuel allowance.

If you are aged 66 or over, fill in the NFS2 form to apply for fuel allowance.

You can also get a form from your local post office or by phoning 0818 200 400. You should ask for the relevant form for your age.

You can get help to fill in your application form at your Intreo Centre, Social Welfare Branch Office or Citizens Information Centre.

Free RSV Immunisation for Babies

You can get your baby immunised against the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for free if they:
Are born between 1 September 2026 to 28 February 2027. You'll be offered it at the hospital shortly after they're born.

Where born between 1 March 2026 and 31 August 2026. You can arrange the appointment with your GP.

Are high-risk and under 24 months old. Talk to your child's doctor and they'll refer you to the HSE vaccination team if it is right for your baby
If you choose to get the immunisation, your baby will get the antibody 'Nirsevimab' injected into their thigh. They only need one injection to protect them from severe infection during these autumn and winter months.

What is RSV?

The respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causes chest infection in children and adults. The infection can be severe in young babies, especially those born during autumn and winter.

Learn more about vaccinations for children and young people on our website.



PREDA 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)

The shoeboxes will be collected as follows:

St. Patrick's: After 9am mass on Sunday (27th September 2026)
St. Mary's: After 7pm mass on Sunday evening (Sunday 27th September 2026)

Adam Hodgkinson & Jordan Murphy
On Behalf of Aontas Choir.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 28th September: We will have our committee meeting this morning. Those not on committee will continue with their crafts.
Tea Hostesses are Pauline and Mary.

Congratulations to our President Mary and to Pauline on becoming new grandparents. Mary had a grandson Conor and Pauline has a new granddaughter, Kate. This was lovely news to get this week.

We send get well wishes to Marie, who is unwell at the moment, hurry up and come back to us soon as we all miss you.



We celebrated Margaret's 94th birthday with a cake, flowers and a card from all the members, she was delighted with all the good wishes, we wish her many more years in ICA.

We welcome a new member Joy Moore to the guild and hope she will enjoy her time in ICA.

Mary Curley

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great Summer.

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!

St. Mary's Genealogy Group

Next meeting **Thursday 1 October 2026** in the Parish Bungalow, at 10.30 am, after morning Mass.

I hope you all had a great summer - sharing lots of family history stories and finding new records! I look forward to seeing you at the first of our monthly get togethers, on Thursday 1 October. The following two sessions will be on Thursdays 5 November and 3 December 2026.

If it will be your first visit, please send me your details in advance on mjneleven@gmail.com
See you then.
Mary (Jackson)

SUICIDE safeTALK
suicide alertness for everyone

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

Griffeen Art Group

Hi all, we are back to our Art again, hope everyone had a good Summer Holiday and is rearing to go with some new painting projects. Hope to see you all back.

The group meets on a Tuesday night 7.30 -9.30 in the Muintir Na Tire Hall, beside Methodist Church.

New Members always welcome; why not come and join us. We would love to see you there. We don't have a teacher, but help one another with different styles of painting.

We don't take ourselves too seriously. Most importantly we have Tea, Cake and the Chat at 9 pm.

LIFFEY SOUND 96.4 FM

Church Gate Collection

Liffey Sound Community Radio will be holding a bucket collection at all Masses in St. Mary's, next Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September to raise funds to support the community radio service in Lucan.

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.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2026:



The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 2026 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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

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

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.

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.

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

Cuppa: Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, father, family and friends of ***Eddie Finn***, The Old Rectory.
May he rest in peace.



NAGARHOPE CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

Nagarhope is a charity founded by Lucan man Fachtna "Doc" Clandillon in 2007, educating children in Nepal. He lived in Nepal for 15 years and returned home to Ireland three years ago.

In 2014 Nagarhope Basic School was established. It started as a preschool with 20 pupils and now caters for 120 pupils through preschool and all primary classes.

The local government now provides most of the salaries, also for a midday meal for pupils. But we still need to fundraise for the rest of the salaries, a school bus, extra curricular activities. In the past few months, a five classroom extension has been built, for which the government paid only a percentage, the rest to be provided by Nagarhope.

Fachtna visited the school in early September and will **send** an update for next week's newsletter. He was very impressed by the running of the school.

NEXT weekend, October 3rd / 4th we will hold our Annual Church Gate Collection at both St. Mary's, Lucan and St. Patrick's, Esker.

This is a vital fundraiser for Nagarhope.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

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

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

St Vincent De Paul
St Patrick's Conference
Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS Sunday 27th September**
Thank you for your generosity.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of ***St Francis Hospice***, please accept our deepest thanks for your very kind donation of €1,178.45 collected at the Annual Cemetery Mass in Esker Cemetery.

Yours sincerely, Fintan Fagan

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

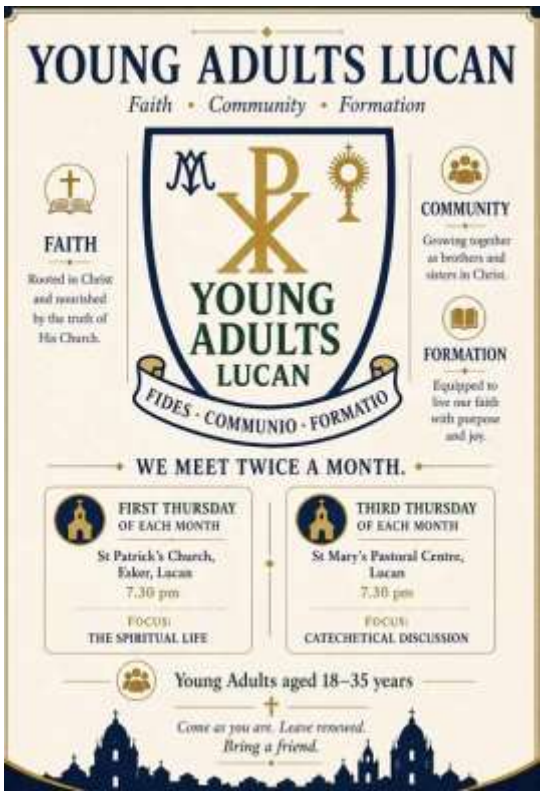
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

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.



Next Meeting is Thursday 1st October

Anniversaries

Tommy Behan, R.I.P
56th Anniversary, 29th September

Late of Dodsboro Cottages
Gone are the days, we used to share
But in our hearts, you are always there
With tender love and deep regret
We who love, you will never forget
Loved and missed always by Ann and Mary and all the family. xxxxxx

Paul Mc Morrow (Maxi)
4th Anniversary, 22nd September

Sarsfield Park
Thinking of you on your Anniversary Paul,
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.
Lots of love from your Mother Lena, sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews.

Patrick (Pat) Sheridan
7th Anniversary, 24th September

When You Are Old"
by W.B. Yeats

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;

How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;

And bending down beside the glowing bars,
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled
And paced upon the mountains overhead
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

Time waits for no one.
But love, true love and golden
Memories catches it forever.
From your loving wife Anne and family, Louise, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Sile, Patrick and Cathy And all the grandchildren.
May his beautiful Soul Rest in Peace.

Pat Sheridan
7th Anniversary, 24th September

On this your 7th Anniversary
We pause and lovingly recall
How dearly each of us loved you
And how you loved us all.
Forever in our hearts.
Rest in Peace Pat.
Love from your sisters, Marie, Nuala, Ann and Jean



Book Launch

Conquest or Leaven
Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel
by David Neuhaus SJ

- **Monday 19 October 2026, 7.00pm**
- **In-person event at Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, 426 Clontarf Road, Dollymount, D03 FP52**
- **Books will be available for purchase**
- **Limited to 30 people; registration: reception@manresa.ie / 01 5529 448**



Wonders never cease!
Birdie could hardly believe it on Wednesday morning, when workers set about fixing up the 'flower bed' in front of Spar, Dodsboro.
As it is something we've harped on about over the past two years, the transformation is very welcome.





It might be prudent to install a low barrier on the parking side of the shrubs, as vehicles tend to park overhanging the plants, even as work was in progress!
Let's hope that the site will be well maintained from now on!

Culture Night in Lucan proved to be very enjoyable once again. Locals could experience all kinds of arty things from poetry, drama, and music in the Methodist Church, with an exciting art exhibition in the Presbyterian Church. The weather wasn't really kind to events on the Village Green, but a fair few people attended, and some enjoyed SOL's graveyard tour as it got dark. It was surprising to hear of many people who were completely unaware of the local event. Better advertising is warranted for next year!!!

Lucan Senior Citizens

We had a very busy morning on Wednesday last checking our shoe boxes for the Aontas Choir appeal.



We hope all the children in Zabala school in the Philippines will enjoy opening them. We also added two boxes filled with craft items for the school. A special thank you to our committee and seniors for their generous response to the appeal.



We also celebrated Rosaleen Dukes Birthday on Wednesday last.

Wednesday 30th September: Social Morning and lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30am to 2.30pm

Esker Active Retirement Association

Esker Active Retired meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. We play indoor bowls, card games and scrabble every week.

We organise other activities from time to time, and invite speakers on topics of interest. For instance. in the coming weeks, we have a doctor coming to talk about avoiding falls, which is such an important factor in our lives. We also organise holiday trips away both in Ireland and abroad.

So if you're interested in participating and making new friends, do come along any Wednesday. First meeting is free.

Women's Collective Ireland Lucan

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Autumn Registration Morning and to all the women who have signed up for our Autumn Term. It has been wonderful to see such a positive response and to welcome both familiar and new faces into WCI Lucan. 💜

Our Autumn Term begins next week and **most of our programmes are now full**.

We currently have a small number of spaces remaining in:

Women Rising

Our Women in Leadership programme, beginning **Tuesday 29th September**.

Conversation Club

A relaxed space for women who already have some English to practise speaking, build confidence and connect with others. Starting **Monday 28th September** in Adamstown.

If you would like more information about either programme, please get in touch:

083 860 7947 or lucan@womenscollective.ie

A CUP OF CARE

A Morning of Awareness & Support. We are also delighted to be hosting a special coffee morning during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with all funds raised going to the Marie Keating Foundation.





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

Set Dancing Classes



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

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Joseph's College

Higher Options: Our 6th year students enjoyed a morning at Higher Options, last Friday, in the RDS. There, they got the opportunity to speak to representatives from third level institutions across the island of Ireland, the UK, Europe and further afield. There were also a number of career talks that the students could avail of. On the day there were over 150 representatives from third level institutions that gave information talks and live Q&A sessions for the students in attendance.



Rome Trip: Mr Smith and his Classics class visited Rome last week. As part of the trip the students explored and learned about all the sites and monuments of ancient Rome. During the course of their trip the students visited the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and Circus Maximus. On the last day of the trip the students also took in the sights of Mount Vesuvius. Many thanks to Mr Smith and all the teachers for organising, facilitating and supervising the trip and also thank you to the students for their excellent behaviour throughout the few days in Rome.

Basketball: Hard luck to our under 16 and under 19 basketball teams who were beaten in their games on Monday by St. Colmcilles.

Romanian Ambassador Visit: On Thursday 24th of September, we will have the pleasure of welcoming the Romanian Ambassador, Laurențiu Mihai Ștefan and the Minister-Counsellor Georgeta Bratu to our school. The Ambassador will give a talk to our TYs and enjoy some Romanian foods with our students in the afternoon. We are looking forward to the visit.

Under 16 Football: Best of luck to our under 16 Gaelic football team against Lucan Community College on Wednesday morning.

Follow Us on
Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Find us on our
Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

St. Joseph's College Parents' Association

We are having our next meeting on **Tuesday, the 13th of October at 8 pm** in the **Parish Centre**. New members are always welcome. Please come and join us.

Lucan Community College

We are delighted to announce that Lucan CC's Open Day will be held on Monday 5th October from 3:00–5:00pm. It is a great opportunity for students and their families to come in and see the school firsthand, explore the array of subjects we have on offer, and meet some of your potential future teachers. The Open Day is open to students in 5th and 6th Class and their families. We look forward to welcoming you all and giving you a taste of life here in Lucan CC!



Coláiste Phádraigh

Open Night: A final reminder that Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night takes place on Thursday, 1st October, from 5pm–7pm. Prospective students and their families are warmly invited to explore our school, meet teachers and students, and experience the vibrant life of Coláiste Phádraig. With tours, demonstrations, performances, interactive activities and much more, there will be something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming you!

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams began their Easter League "A" campaigns against Adamstown CS last Tuesday. Our u16s were beaten 53-45 but despite the result, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, and with three group games remaining, against Belvedere College, Edmund Rice College and Coláiste Éanna, qualification for the knockout stages remains very much within reach.

Adamstown edged ahead in the opening quarter (15-11). Nathan Adjinakou (4), Donagh McDevitt (2), Sam O' Brien (2), Eric Savin (2) and Elliot Reilly got the team's 1st 1-4 scores. Adamstown extended their lead to 29-22 by half time, with Elliott (2), Sam (2), Nathan (3) and Max O' Neill (4) getting the 2nd 1-4 scores.

Lucan edged the 3rd 1-4 11-9 thanks mainly to an impressive display from Nathan who scored 9 points. Donagh McDevitt also scored a nice basket to reduce the deficit to 5 points (38-33) entering the final 1-4.

Adamstown produced a strong final 1-4 to secure an 8-point victory. Nathan (8) and Donagh (4) got the remaining scores for the team.

Our u19 team were beaten 72-38 by Adamstown in the 2nd game of the afternoon. Aaron McCormack (13), Grantas Matulevicius (8), McKenzie Knowles (7), Noah Dolan (4) and Nabil Wan (3) got the team's scores. They too will play 3 more group games, against the same opposition as the u16s.

Careers: Last Friday, our 6th yr students travelled to the RDS in Dublin to attend Higher Options 2026, an important opportunity as they begin making decisions about life after the Leaving Certificate. Running from 16–18 September, Higher Options brought together universities, colleges, further education providers, training organisations and employers, allowing students to explore the wide range of pathways available after secondary school. With up to 30,000 students attending from across the country, the event provided our students with the opportunity to speak directly with college representatives, explore courses and entry requirements, and discover options they may not previously have considered.

Alongside traditional university programmes, students learned more about PLC courses, further education, training and apprenticeships. The event also ran alongside WorldSkills Ireland 2026, showcasing practical and technical career pathways, while the Creative Calling – Creative Careers initiative highlighted opportunities across areas such as design, media, music, digital games and the arts. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr Todd and Ms Hunt in the Career and Guidance Departments for their excellent preparation, guidance and support throughout the day. Their commitment ensured that students approached the event with confidence and an open mind.



Golf: It was a weekend to remember for 5th yr student Conor Sheahan, who had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Par 3 Beat the Pros challenge at Doonbeg Golf Club during the Irish Open. A talented golfer who plays off a handicap of 3, Conor was randomly selected from spectators attending Sunday's action. Taking his tee shot on the 7th hole immediately before three Irish Open professionals, Conor remained composed despite challenging, windy conditions. Using a 9-iron provided on the day, he struck an excellent shot that travelled an impressive 155 yards, landing just left of the green.

Even more impressively, Conor's shot was the third-best of the four, meaning he outperformed one of the professionals! A memorable day was made even more special when President Donald Trump greeted Conor and his friends as he passed by on the course.

Maths: On Friday, 26 Transition Year and 5th yr students took part in the first round of the Irish Mathematical Olympiad, challenging students with complex problems designed to test creativity, logical reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Congratulations to 5th yr Ayman Ahmed, who achieved the highest score in Coláiste Phádraig, answering an impressive 5 out of 6 questions correctly. This is a fantastic achievement given the challenging nature of the competition.

Well done also to all 26 students who participated. Taking part provided an excellent opportunity to stretch their mathematical thinking and explore problems beyond the school curriculum.

A sincere thank you to Ms. Thompson for her encouragement and support in promoting the competition and providing our students with this valuable opportunity to challenge themselves and develop their love of mathematics.

Making the Lucan Green Better

Where has our lovely Lucan Green Gone
A short time since it's passing.
Where has all the green grass gone
They put the steel and concrete on.
Oh, when will they ever learn (repeat)

Where have all the old trees gone,
They knocked them down one by one.
Where is all their foliage gone
Replaced with stone and cementation.
Oh, when will they ever learn (repeat)

Where has our lovely Lucan Green Gone
A short time ago since it's passing.
Where has all the green grass gone.
Locked in a honeycomb stone; everyone
Oh, when will they ever learn. (repeat)

Where are all the old stone walls gone
They knocked them down one by one.
Where is the lawn for tots to play on.
The soft grass for people to lay on.
Oh, when will they ever learn. (repeat)

A state can be damaged by an external or internal force.
A village can be damaged by well-intentioned people.
It is unlikely that the SDCC fully understood that white Limestone reflects excessive light and dominates the site. The white stone also accentuates the accumulation of stains. Simple low-cost changes can rectify, these problems.

Liam Murray 19/09/2026

Carers & Toddlers Group



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

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin
Traditional Irish Music



The Branch would like to thank all members and non-members who performed in the Lucan Festival and more recently Culture Night with the Lucan Arts Collective and/or with Artscope in and around Lucan.

If anyone would like to become a member and be involved in these and future events, please contact the branch at lucan@comhaltas.net

We still have some places left in our classes for adults and children in a variety of instruments and abilities. Some instruments are available to rent too.

Classes, including in house sessions, are held on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 8.30pm. Check website for more details www.lucancomhaltas.net

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.

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.

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 28th Sept at 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.

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

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.

Additional Adult Events:
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.

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.

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.

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Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

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Public Transport:
I sent residents' recent experiences on overcrowding on rail and inadequate bus experiences, to SDCC's Transport Manager. He confirmed the feedback is being actively used to lobby for better capacity, reliability and connectivity across Adamstown, Kishoge and Lucan.

Road Safety:
Following my raising concerns about pedestrian safety at the zebra crossings at Old Esker Lane/Griffeen Valley, SDCC confirmed they are looking at installing flashing beacons at the Greenway pedestrian crossing.

Lucan Village Green:
Following my motion at the Area Committee Meeting, a specialist contractor will deep-clean stained limestone at the Village Green. SDCC will then assess sealing the stone and a long-term maintenance schedule.

Weston Airport:
I have raised the outdated 1999 "noise contour" with SDCC / sought updated noise monitoring for residents affected by aircraft noise.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

and Kishogue Rail Stations:
I have spoken with the NTA about the need to urgently fund additional capacity on the Dublin-Kildare line which serves Adamstown and Kishogue stations. While additional carriages are expected to be added next year, I have requested more immediate solutions in terms of scheduling. I have also directly raised it with the Minister for Transport.

Household Benefits Package:
Are you aged over 66? If you are not already receiving the Household Benefit Package, you may be eligible to receive it. If you are aged under 66, there are certain conditions by which you may be eligible. If you would like to learn more, please contact my office.

Adamstown Civic Building:
I welcome the granting of 7.5 million euro by Minister James Browne.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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New Funding Opportunity for Local Sports Clubs:
A new round of Government funding is on the way for sports clubs in Lucan through the Community Sport Facilities Fund (CSFF), formerly the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme. If your club is planning upgrades, now is the time to start preparing an application. Clubs can keep an eye on gov.ie for details on application dates and eligibility criteria.

Hot School Meals Changes on the Way:
Changes are coming to the Hot School Meals Programme following feedback from parents and schools. Children will have more choice, including hot or cold lunch options, while menus and portion sizes will be reviewed.

Liffey Descent Returns to Lucan:
It was great to see the Liffey Descent back in Lucan, with plenty of local support along the river. New live commentary helped spectators follow the action. Well done to all competitors, organisers and volunteers involved.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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Fuel Prices and Cost of Living
I raised the need for help for hard-pressed residents in a number of contributions, while also pointing out the lack of movement on long term energy security including measures to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. We need a proper long-term vision.

Other Dáil and Committee Contributions:
This week these included highlighting historic deficits in assessments of need for children, raising the inadequate measures for repairing public housing with defective blocks, referencing transport investment and pricing again, discussing EU accession and examining legislation regarding parental leave for the loss of a child or fertility treatment.

Lucan and Adamstown Video Updates:
Cllr Helen Farrell and I are releasing a number of updates this month and all of these can be viewed at www.bit.ly/LASept26.



Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Funding Opportunity Sports Clubs & Community Groups:

The Community Sport Facilities Fund was announced this week, with grants of up to **€750,000** available for sports and community facilities. If your club is considering improvements such as pitches, floodlights, dressing rooms, walking tracks or other facility upgrades, now is the time to start preparing.

A key first step is to **check that your club is registered on the new SPRAOI system**. Clubs previously registered on OSCAR will transfer automatically, but it is important to ensure your details are up to date before applications open.

Key Dates:

Registration opens 28th September
Applications open 19th October
Deadline 26th February 2027

Lucan House Wall:

Repairs to two priority sections, including the collapsed Ball Alley section, are progressing through procurement, and are expected to commence in due course.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent –

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Your Independent Voice!

My motions passed at this week's Area Committee meeting along with an update on Lucan House & Demesne:

School Bus:

Seeking an NTA review of a dedicated school bus pilot for Lucan, responding to school growth, traffic congestion and pressure on public bus services.

Patrick Sarsfield:

Examining a permanent plaque, statue or public artwork in Lucan Village recognising Patrick Sarsfield's historic connection to Lucan and supporting our heritage offering.

Promoting Lucan:

Seeking an updated approach to promoting Lucan Village as a visitor destination, building on recent investment, heritage, events and the Love Lucan campaign.

Lucan House & Demesne:

Detailed design is progressing with Part 8 public consultation expected in Q4 2026 and the first phase of works anticipated for Q2/Q3 2027.

For regular local updates follow Facebook, Instagram & TikTok – @cllrlionaotoole.

'Just a Message Away'

Metro Link Excitement

There was great excitement last week when the next stage of the Metro Link was announced. Politian's were falling over each other to say how good it was, as was the media and the city officials, never mentioning its flaws and justifying the cost.

The cost of up to 17.7 billion euro is extremely high but they ignored the extra cost of almost 2.4 billion euro for an extra Dart rail line from Malahide beside the existing Dart line, then they will need another line from Clongriffen to the Airport with multi changing.

This would take the costs to over twenty billion euro for so little value. They never mention anything about reducing traffic congestion because it won't as tourists don't have cars, city centre users don't use cars to airport and it will take bus passengers, it will increase car usage on M1 to get to the Metro. It will end up with too many routes in one small area of the Northeast area and the city centre, (will explain later). while the rest of the Dublin and the countryside are left waiting for many more decades if at all.

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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin

Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 17th September lotto jackpot of €19,000. The numbers drawn were 8, 13, 27, 32. Lucky dips go to Pat Keane, Clandillon Family, Ciara Dardis, Cian Fleming, Louise Cunningham. This week's Lotto on Thursday 24th September will be for a jackpot of €19,400 This draw is sponsored by McDonald Property and will be led by Frank Fleming.
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
Maggie Mulqueen: 087 2866581

Senior Football Championship

Lucan Sarsfields 1-23, Raheny 0-18
Lucan Sarsfields secured their place in the Senior 1 Football Championship for 2027 with an important 1-23 to 0-18 victory over Raheny in their relegation play-off.
With Senior 1 status on the line, Lucan started with the benefit of the wind but were dealt an early blow when Daire Newcombe was forced off with a hamstring injury after just three minutes. Despite that setback, Lucan settled well and made good use of the conditions. They moved the ball patiently, created scoring opportunities and took full advantage of the two-point scoring opportunity, landing six two-pointers over the course of the game.
Lavin and Rian were particularly prominent on the scoreboard, while Colm Behan's 1-1 also made an important contribution as Lucan built a valuable advantage.
Raheny had the wind at their backs for the second half and, with some dangerous long-range shooters of their own, Lucan knew there was still plenty of work to be done. Raheny duly applied pressure, but Lucan managed the game well and continued to find scores at important moments rather than simply trying to protect their lead.
It was a composed second-half performance in a game where the result mattered most. Lucan kept Raheny at arm's length and saw the contest out strongly to record a 1-23 to 0-18 victory.
The win brings the curtain down on Lucan's Senior Football Championship campaign on a positive note and, most importantly, ensures the club will once again compete in the Senior 1 Championship in 2027.

Garda Vetting Clinic

The Children's Officer team will be running another Garda Vetting Clinic in the club bar on Thursday 1st October between 8-9pm.
Please print out and bring your GAA NVB1 Identity Document Validation Form for signing along with ID and proof of address.



The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card Drive resumes on Friday 9th October 2026 and will continue to 7th May 2027 in the Clubhouse Bar.
Date: Friday 9th October
Time:8.00pm Sharp
1st Prize: €50 (if 12 or more players, 2nd Prize also)

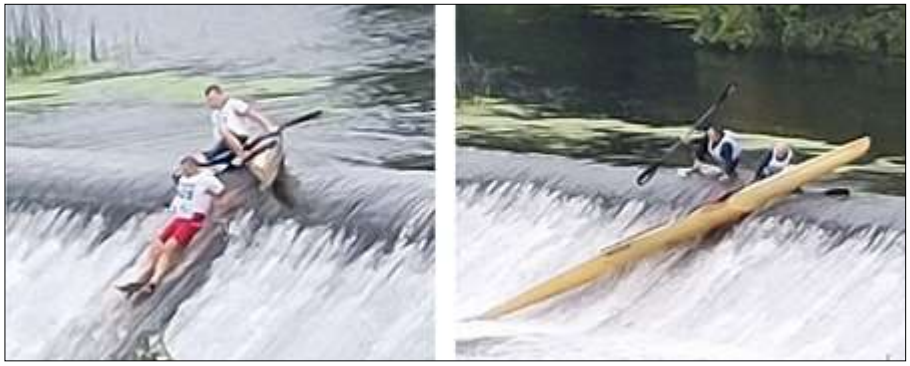
Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club!



Liffey Descent 2026

The thrills and spills were in short supply as the Liffey Descent passed through Lucan on Saturday last.

This was due to the shortage of water after our long hot summer. Paddlers found it an extremely difficult event with water so low, and even still in places.



At Lucan, it was impossible for any long boats to shoot the weir, and so it was a case of get out and slide the craft down, and off again on their merry way.

Nevertheless, the crowd cheered them on excitedly, helped by the riverside commentary of Tom Egan, which was much appreciated.



With baited breath, some craft braved the salmon steps successfully, much to the delight of the onlookers.

A South African K2 crew, were first to the finish line, with a French pair coming second. These were actually the first two boats through Lucan.





We came across this pair shooting the weir back in 1967, with plenty of water about! Wonder who they were!

Well done to all involved!

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As work continues on the selection of photographs for our 14th Exhibition it looks as if we will have another great exhibition in November.



This week we begin with Joe's photo of Galeon Andalucia, a replica of a 16th/17th century Spanish galleon which was at the east Pier in Wicklow town recently. These ships were used by the Spanish Crown for maritime expeditions intended to discover and establish trade routes between Spain, America and the Philippines.



Kay indulged herself in a little still life photography with what I would describe as an autumnal "wild" harvest.

Donal was in the city centre and took photographs of buildings around Butt Bridge. Liberty Hall was, at the time of its construction, the tallest building in the country. It was completed in 1965.



Donal's second photo is of the Custom House with Liberty Hall in the background. The Custom House was James Gandon's first large scale commission. Other important building by Gandon are the Four Courts and Kings Inns in Dublin and Emo Court in County Laois. The Custom House opened for business in November 1791. As the port of Dublin moved further downriver, the building's original use for collecting customs duties became obsolete, and it became Government offices.





Finally, we have a photo from last weekend's 65th Liffey Descent.

Stay safe till next week!