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Let the Heart Lead!



During a few days of leisure in the west, I've come eye-to-eye with creatures who were happy in their skin and environment. As I sat outside a pub, a young cat jumped up into my lap to look into my face. Cats are usually reserved around strangers! However, the owner told me that she's a pub cat and familiarity usually wins her bits of fish and burgers! No such luck from me so I was the winner with her purrs! I met two wild mountain goats in the park in Letterfrack. Unlike the usual silly, skittish farmed goats, these goats had attitude and solid comfort in their environment! They looked strong and rugged.

As I write this and consider the creatures I've encountered this morning, I realise that living with meaningful purpose makes a difference to how we are and to how we present. Both the cat and goats were safe; they had what they needed to nourish them; they were relaxed while in action. They added to my experience in both places.

The 'domestic' goats have little meaningful purpose in their environment, whereas the wild goats are part of the ecosystem. Domestic goats behave unpredictably and eat everything in sight to keep themselves entertained. Cats will usually find their zone of comfort, but the one I encountered was particularly adept and at home with everyone - we were in his home - his ecosystem!

As our young people at transition points leading towards choice of courses or occupations, choose what makes the heart happy and creates a sense of gentle excitement, we each have a particular purpose in the world and our hearts guide us there. Most will have many occupations in life with this place just being a start! Let the heart lead!

*Cathy Burke,
Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of
Parishes*



Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

Your guide to Leaving School in 2026

Are you leaving school this year? Maybe you've already finished, and now are wondering “What's next?”

The Leaving School 2026 guide from the Citizens Information Board can help you explore your options and plan your next steps.

Inside the guide, you'll find practical information on:

College and further education options

How you apply for college

Getting student grant support

Where to find apprenticeships

Finding somewhere to live

Starting a job for the first time

Taking a year out and more about life after school

You can download the Leaving School 2026 guide on our website.

Apply for a SUSI student grant for 2026-2027

From 1 April 2026, you can apply online for the Student Grant Scheme.

There are 2 types of grants available:

Maintenance grants to help with living costs

Fee grants to help with tuition fees

To qualify, you must meet certain criteria:

Be a citizen of Ireland, the UK, Switzerland, or an EU or EEA country.

Live in Ireland (or one of the countries above) for at least 3 of the last 5 years

Have income less than a certain amount

Study an approved course

Be progressing from your previous studies

Not have already got a grant for the maximum number of years allowed.

Read more about the Student Grant Scheme, and the part-time fee scheme for undergraduate courses on our website.

Recycling Batteries

Batteries should be disposed of carefully. They should not be sent to landfill because they are classed as hazardous waste.

You can return used batteries free of charge to:

Any local authority civic amenity site

Any shop selling the same type of battery

Blue Battery Box

You can find Blue Battery Boxes in:

Local recycling centres, Newsagents,

Supermarkets, Schools, Workplaces

Retailers must take back batteries of a type they supply, even if you did not get the batteries from them. You do not have to buy anything from the shop when you are bringing back waste batteries.

However, retailers do not have to take back batteries that they do not supply. For example, they do not have to take back a car battery if they only sell batteries suitable for a torch or remote control.

Retailers do not have to accept contaminated waste that could be a health and safety risk to their staff, such as leaking batteries.

Recycling vapes and e-cigarettes

Most vapes and e-cigarettes have batteries so they should not be put in your bin at home. Instead, you should bring them to a Blue Battery Box to be recycled.

You may also be able to return your vape or e-cigarette to the shop where you bought it.

This recycling service is free and is provided by Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland.

Disposable vapes do not need to be taken apart to be recycled. However, to recycle rechargeable vapes or e-cigarettes, you need remove the tank where the liquid is stored before you recycle it.

WEEE has more information about how to recycle vapes and e-cigarettes.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 13th April at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

ONLINE BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 14 April
7pm - 8.30pm
For all bereaved parents

register at <https://bit.ly/4sMpsKA>

GUEST SPEAKER: BRYAN NOLAN



Bryan has an M.A. in Healthcare Chaplaincy from DCU and is a Certified Healthcare Chaplain with specialisations in end-of-life, grief, and loss care. He has worked with the Irish Hospice Foundation for over 13 years.

FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL BEREAVED PARENTS, REGARDLESS OF HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN BEREAVED, AGE OF THEIR CHILD OR CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATH.

CONTACT US
 info@anamcara.ie 01 4045378 ROI
 www.anamcara.ie 028 9521 3120 NI

LOST

Ladies Silver Watch in Texaco garage, Lucan on Easter Saturday AM, 3 April, by the dog wash area... sentimental value. Reward offered. Please contact: 087 2272235

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 15th April: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am – 12.30pm.



We hope all had a lovely restful Easter break!

Lucan Planning Council

We are deeply saddened by the recent loss of our chairperson, Joe Byrne. He will be greatly missed. May he Rest in Peace.

Tom Newton and Caitriona McClean
(On behalf of the Lucan Planning Council)

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: April 11th, 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Lucan Festival

Since our first Festival in 2009 with the exception of Covid, we have organized and ran a Festival every year. This year the Festival runs from Tues 1st to Sun 6th September.

On Tues and Thurs nights at 6.30pm in Lucan Library there will be an illustrated talk on local history.

Tuesday will be **Lucan Dairies and Lucan Mineral Waters 1890 - 1962**

Thursday, the talk will be **The Linen and Iron Mills of Lucan 1700 -1870**

There will also be two visits to the Historical Shackleton's Mills.

Two forums in the Presbyterian Church for Primary Pupils to question Lucan's senior citizens on their Schooldays.

An historical guided tour of Lucan Village on Weds afternoon.

The Committee would like some volunteers to help during the week and if interested please email lucanfestival@gmail.com

Conversational Irish

in **St Mary's Parish Centre**
10.30-11.30a.m. every Wednesday.
All are 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.

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

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

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

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

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.

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All 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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Philomena (Phil) Davis**, Westbury
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 13th April

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome



Divine Mercy Tridium

'Blessed are the Merciful'

Friday 10th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy Novena Prayer. **Celebrant:** Fr. P.J. Madden

Saturday 11th April 2026 at 6pm

Holy Mass & Divine Mercy Novena Prayer.

Celebrant: Fr. Aidan Kieran

Sunday 12th April 2026

2.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Priests available for confession from **1.45pm**

3.00pm Prayers

3.30pm. Holy Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

Followed by Veneration of The Divine Mercy Image and individual blessing with **Relics of St Faustina**

Venue: Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South, Balgaddy

All are invited to come and especially on Divine Mercy Sunday as Jesus told St. Faustina that "On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are open all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy."

(Diary 139) A wonderful blessing from the Lord.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

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

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

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 19th April**

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri.9:15am. Sat.10am

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of

Medjugorje: 7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm Benediction.

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

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

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

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

Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith

Some time ago a group of parishioners began a two year project studying the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The project was in response to Pope Benedict's call to all Catholics to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the faith during the Year of the Faith.

In 2015 the group's work and findings were summarised and published in a book for private circulation entitled "Waiting in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith". This was made freely available to parishioners of St Mary's parish. Many found it informative and helpful, so in the year 2024 it was decided to formally publish an enhanced version and make it more widely available. The title of the book was changed to "Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic Faith".

The book is an easy to read summary of the Catholic faith, its origin, and its teachings and how it gives joyful meaning to life.

The book can be borrowed from Lucan, Clondalkin and some other public libraries or can be ordered online and on Kindle. *K. Carroll (leader of the project)*

Anniversaries

John A Bevan

6th Anniversary, 13th April

Forever in our hearts,
Although we are apart.
Louise, John and family.



Derek Finn

47th Anniversary, 14th April

In loving memory of a dear son and brother
Derek. Also his pals *Declan*, *Victor* and *David*.

Like a shadow in the moonlight
Like a ripple on the beach
Like the echoes of a melody
Just beyond our reach

In the shadow of our sorrow
Past the whisper of goodbye
Love shines through eternity
A heartbeat from our eye.

*Always loved and sadly missed by Dad,
Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and families. xx*



Declan Kane

47th Anniversary, 14th April

Glen of Imaal Anniversary

In loving memory of *Declan*,
also his friends *Victor*, *Derek* and *David*.

The fact that you are no longer here,
Will always cause us pain.
But you are in our hearts,
Until we meet again.

*Never forgotten by his Mam, sisters
Susan and Aideen, nephews, nieces
and brother in law.*

**Glen of Imaal Anniversary Mass 10.30am
Sunday 12th April**



James Murray

50th Anniversary, 11th April

Jim, Papa

50 years have passed since you left us.
But not a day passes we don't remember
Just how much we love and miss you, always.

*With love from daughters Marie, Nina,
Josephine and Kay, and sons David
and Sean. And all your grandchildren.*



Linda Ruane

3rd Anniversary, 8th April

Remembering you with love
And missing you more than words can say
*William, Liam, Sinead, Oliver and
Thomas, Aoife, Jonathan and Cillian.*

Birthday Remembrance

John Lally

12th April

Dad,

You were very kind and thoughtful,
with a warm and loving heart.

And when other people needed help,
you always played your part.

You're thought of every single day
whatever the time of year.

But somehow more than ever

now your special day is here.

Thinking of you on this special day,

Love Debbie, Peter, Niamh, Karla and Aine xxx

John Lally

86th Birthday

Happy Birthday to a dad so dear

In Heaven now, but always near

Wishing you love, peace and light

On your special day,

We'll remember tonight.

Happy 86th Birthday Dad.

*Your loving daughter Joyce, son in law Mark,
grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew and
great grandson Ollie.*



Thanks to Paul and Phyl Cleary for sending in this beautiful photo of the pretty little *La Capilla del Puerto de Malaga* (The Chapel of the Port of Malaga). It is dedicated to Our Lady. Fishermen used to attend Mass there before going out to sea. The old church stands nestled in between the glamour of the modern Port of Malaga.



Hopefully, everyone had a lovely Easter holiday, and thankfully, the weather has improved.....

The Flower Fairies were very busy again in the local churches – God bless them!

Speaking of flowers, it's lovely to walk around the various estates taking in all the colour of the little gardens.



We spotted this lovely display of Tulips in Hillcrest this week!

April now, and still no finished development works around the village – but those works only began 19 months ago.....

What about the 'flower bed' outside Spar in Dodsboro?

July 2024 was when that was in full bloom.

We queried it in July 2025, only to be told that the Council were getting back to the original contractor.

Nothing has changed here, seems to be a game of 'Pass the buck'!
Could we face a similar situation in our Village!



Lucan Drama

The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Almost there, the actors are ready to go, the director and crew are ready to go, all the front of house crew and everyone at Lucan Drama is ready to present you with one of the greatest Irish dramas of recent years.

Are you ready to go, have you booked your tickets yet? If not, time is of the essence, there are a small number of tickets left for the show which starts Monday next, upstairs at Courtney's of Lucan Village.

A great night is guaranteed so do yourself a favour and confirm your tickets at www.gr8events.ie

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep



*In every day, there are 1,440 minutes.
That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact.*

Les Brown, Author

*Winning doesn't always mean being first.
Winning means you're doing better than you've done before.*

Bonnie Blair, Speed Skater

Olivia Merriman Founder of the

Living With Ambiguous Loss Circle

Finding Comfort & Connection Through Grief

A Supportive Space for Those Experiencing Ambiguous Loss

- A loved one with dementia or serious illness
- Addiction
- Estrangement from family
(When families become distant or disconnected)
- Missing loved ones
- Separation, Divorce & Complicated Relationships



Join Us at *Lucan Library*
You Are Not Alone

Wednesday 13th May 2026
🕒 5:45PM - 7:45PM

Every second Wednesday of each month

For more information contact Olivia Merriman
089 465 0669
livingwithlosscircle@gmail.com



Lucan Darkness Into Light

to take place in **St. Catherine's Park at 4.15am on Saturday 9th May.**



Darkness Into Light 2026, proudly supported by Electric Ireland, is Pieta's biggest fundraiser. Your local 5km walk will take place at 4:15 a.m. on Saturday, 9th of May, 2026 in St. Catherine's Park, Lucan and will raise vital funds for the charity for suicide and self-harm prevention.

The funds raised through Darkness Into Light supports Pieta's lifesaving free services to people in our community that have been affected by suicide or self-harm. This inspiring event also symbolises hope, as communities like ours come together to support mental health, suicide and self-harm prevention.

Register now by visiting www.darknessintolight.ie and selecting Lucan. You could also keep an eye out for us in Lucan Shopping Centre where we'll be encouraging people to sign up for the walk.

This year is going to be even bigger and better than last year and we look forward to raising vital funds for Pieta.

Operation Smile

I am writing on behalf of **Operation Smile Ireland**, a charity that many parishes across Ireland have so generously supported over the years. At Easter, we are always mindful of the kindness and solidarity shown by parish communities, and we wished to gently remind you that we are here — and that our work depends entirely on the goodness of others, as we do not receive Government funding.

Operation Smile provides free, life-changing surgery and ongoing care to children born with **cleft lip and cleft palate**. These conditions affect a child's ability to eat, speak, hear, and be accepted socially. In many parts of the world, families simply cannot access the surgery their child urgently needs.

Through the dedication of volunteer medical professionals and the generosity of supporters, Operation Smile works to ensure that a child's chance at health does not depend on where they are born. This is part of our commitment to global healthcare equity and to restoring dignity, confidence, and opportunity to children and families.

*Clodagh Judge,
Country Director, Operation Smile Ireland*

Salesian College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge
info@acreproject.com

Spring has truly sprung and with April here, we're excited to share lots of upcoming events and announcements for the months ahead at the ACRE Project, Celbridge.

Acre Project Fundraiser Plant Sale 2026

Mark your calendars! The ACRE Project Annual Summer Fundraiser is back: **Saturday and Sunday May 16th and May 17th, 2026**

Pick up plants for your summer garden, enjoy delicious baked goods from our local bakers, and join one of our cookery workshops taking place right here at the ACRE Project, Celbridge.

ACRE Project Patron Programme

We're delighted to announce the new ACRE Project Patron Programme. Launching in mid-April, this programme will invite members of our community to support future developments at the ACRE Project, helping us expand our work and community reach.

Your contribution in exchange for an annual ACRE Project Patron membership, which will include a range of benefits such as vouchers for our May Plant Sale and Christmas Tree Sale.

Keep an eye out for our full launch email in mid-April, or email: Patron@acreproject.com to be among the first to learn more about the programme when it launches.

A new season of Lawn Bowling is back

Bowlers for the new season. It's a wonderfully social group and a great way to spend time



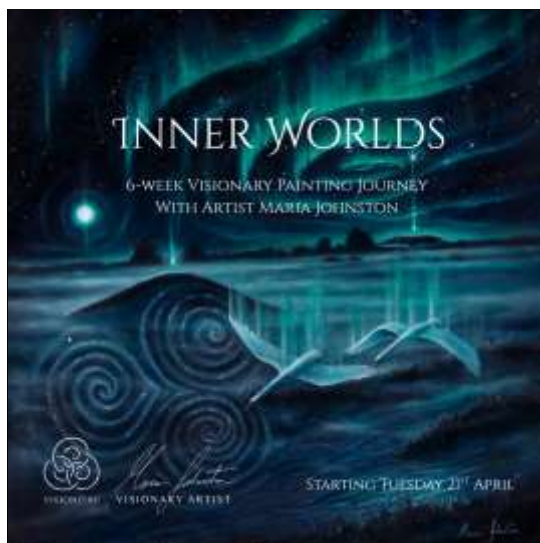
outdoors, meet people, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon or evening. You can join or renew your membership through the link below:

https://acreproject.com/bowling-club?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_source_platform=mailpoet&utm_campaign=ACRE%20Project%20Spring%20Newsletter

ACRE Spring / Summer upcoming classes: Friday evening Strength Yoga with Sinéad

Classes and workshops at the ACRE blend strength exercises and yoga using an holistic approach to improve your wellbeing journey. This combination improves posture, increases bone density, prevents injuries, and manages stress. Classes are suitable for beginners. If you'd like to learn more email me at yogawithsinead2023@gmail.com

Paint your inner world with Maria Johnston



A transformative painting journey combining:
Technical painting skills (oils + acrylics) and
Guided meditation & intuitive processes
Starting Date: Tuesday, 21st of April - Runs each Tuesday for 6 weeks. Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm
Booking: 0851315692 or
Email: Marياجohnstonartist@gmail.com
www.mariajohnstonartist.com
Spaces are limited, don't miss out!

A warm welcome to Fireflies Social Club:



This is a parent-led social club for children with Autism and complex needs, aged 5 to 8 years. The club aims to give children a safe space to explore, socialise and play. They recently have joined us at the ACRE Project on Saturday mornings for a bit of family fun!

Get your garden Summer ready: Join the ACRE Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club is back and meets every Friday morning at the ACRE Project from 10am-12pm. It's a great way to meet like-minded gardeners, share tips, and spend time outdoors. No equipment needed.



Looking to read more in 2026? Join the ACRE Book Club

Our Book Club meets once a month on Friday mornings here at the ACRE Project. It's a lovely, social gathering for book lovers and a great way to meet others who enjoy reading. To join, email: Harry@acreproject.com



The Patient Volunteer Service commenced in September 2024. The service has been tremendously positive and has had a huge impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital.

The Service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital. From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding/walking with a patient to their clinic destination.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service. If you know anyone who would be interested in volunteering please ask them to contact the team for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: teamvolunteer@stjames.ie

A colorful poster for the 'AONTAS TABLE QUIZ'. The text on the poster includes: 'AONTAS TABLE QUIZ', 'Friday, 17th April, 2026', '8.00pm sharp', 'in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Function Room.', 'QUIZ NIGHT', 'This is a special fundraiser for Aontas Choir to travel to the Philippines, - in July to:'. Below this is a list of bullet points: 'Volunteer in supporting programmes that protect and empower vulnerable children.', 'Volunteer in children's homes and villages in the Aota indigenous communities.', 'Support sustainable development and community wellbeing initiatives.', 'Work in Tacloban, an area severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, which people are still recovering from.', 'We will be working to support local primary schools in feeding programmes, tree planting initiatives, school maintenance, wellbeing initiatives and career talks and classes.' At the bottom, it says 'Table of 4: €40' and 'Raffle on the night for spot prizes. Please Support...'. The background of the poster shows cartoon characters at a quiz table, a plane, and a tropical landscape with houses and palm trees.

Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!



April Flatters to Deceive

The Romans gave this month the Latin name *Aprilis*. It is thought to come from the verb “*aperire*”, “*to open*”. This refers to the time of year trees and flowers begin to bloom.

The normal April maximum temperature in Dublin is about 13 degrees Celsius. August is the month with a similar angle of sunshine. The normal August maximum temperature is 19 degrees. This difference seems surprising; however, this can be explained by different factors. This Irish Sea temperature in April is about 9 degrees and in August it is almost 15 degrees. The sea heats up and cools down much more slowly than the land. The air temperature in April is affected by the cold Irish Sea and also by the cold Atlantic.

Another factor is the approach towards Ireland of cold air which has been building up over the long winter. This comes in the form of anticyclones from Europe, Siberia, Scandinavia and Greenland. This tends to suppress April’s temperature. On the plus side the cold sea and sometimes cold wind, leads to good sunshine and also to lower rainfall than at other times of the year. April showers certainly occur but they tend not to amount to a lot of rain. April (mid-spring) is often as sunny as July (mid-summer). July is a lot warmer of course with a maximum temperature close to 20 degrees.

One way that April flatters (promises) to deceive (breaks promises) is when we have a cheerful sunny day. From indoors the weather looks very promising but on stepping outside it feels much colder than it looks. The American poet, Robert Frost, reminds us of this in his poem: “*Two Tramps in Mud Time*”. He says, “*The sun was warm but the wind was chill; You know how it is with an April day*”. Brendan McWilliams in his book, “*Weather Eye – The Final Year*” warns us not to cast clothes off too soon. “*Till April is dead, Change not a thread*”. Another way that April flatters to deceive is when some warm, sunny days are quickly replaced by much colder unsettled weather. A good example is April 1981 when a sunny, mild and mostly dry period ended on the 24th with the arrival of snow and a temperature of only 5 degrees (about 8 degrees below normal).

This ties in with the period called “*Scairbhín na gCuac*” (“*The Cuckoo’s Wind*”). It refers to cold weather that can occur at the end of April or beginning of May.

Despite not always living up to peoples’ expectations April’s afternoon temperature of 13 degrees if combined with good sunshine and light winds is really suitable for outdoor activities. Gardening, building work and hiking are popular and sports can take place easily. A study in Japan from Osaka University seems to back this up. They found respondents were happiest at an outdoor temperature of 14 degrees (late April temperature in Dublin). In Japan walking, jogging and hiking are popular and many Japanese people do routine morning exercises outdoors.

Whatever happens this month, April 2026, let’s hope that “*March winds and April showers, bring forth May flowers*”.



Denis Torsney

A colorful advertisement for the 'Ladies of Lucan Adamstown Sister Shed'. The background is a vibrant, abstract pattern of colors. At the top, a pink banner reads 'Ladies of Lucan'. Below it, the title 'ADAMSTOWN SISTER SHED' is written in large, bold, pink and white letters. Underneath the title, a pink banner says 'Bringing Women Together for Fun & Friendship!'. The main text asks 'Ever wanted to try fun, interesting, educational things?' and lists activities: 'We do creative arts, wellbeing, poetry, hypnosis, trips to Bewley's Theatre, day trips to Holyhead, boules, meet-ups with Lucan's Men's Shed, and even enjoyed coffee with our Community Gardai! & more!'. There are illustrations of various items: a paint palette, a book, a clock, a boat, a coffee cup, and a film clapperboard. At the bottom, a pink banner says 'Join us at: Adamstown Community Centre - Every Friday - 10am - 12pm'. Below that, another pink banner says 'Call or WhatsApp: 087 2795274'. At the very bottom, it says 'We'd love to see you!' and features the 'Sister Sheds' logo.

ADULT EVENTS

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

Lucan Library Knitters Club, meets every Monday 10am-12pm. new members welcome.



Lucan Library Creative Writers Group

30th April from 10am – 12noon:

“What’s the Story” Writing Club!

Saturday 11th April at the slightly different time of 11am: Email Aine at

Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie



Additional Adult Events

New: Irish Sign Language Conversation

Circle: Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm 22nd of April. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 24th April from 5.30: all welcome

Call For Volunteers: Volunteers wanted for a new English Conversation Group. Training will be provided by Failte Isteach. Please contact library staff for details by emailing us at

lucanlibrary@sdublincoco.ie

BOOK CLUBS

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

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 27th April at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 29th at 7.00pm

Read and Eat Cook Book Club: Thursday 16th April at 10.30am

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Musical Tots with Karen!

Tuesday 28th of April:

Switching to Tuesday at 10.30 just for April.



Reflexology for Babies and Parents. Wednesday 17th of April at 10am:

Little Wiggles for Preschool Tots

Wednesday 22nd April at 10am. Book on Eventbrite from 15th at 10am.

Storytime Every Monday at 3pm:- Changing to Mondays. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite from each previous Monday at 3pm.



Announcing the Launch of Vox Books

Vox Books are all-in-one read along: readers can listen to the book while they read through it. Available now from Lucan Library.

NEURODIVERSE EVENS

Sensory Afternoons Friday 24th from 12noon-4.00pm: Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Booking on Eventbrite from 10th April

Talk on Developing Self Esteem, Self-Contentment and Resilience in Our Children: Thursday 16th April at 6.30pm:

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children Friday 17th of April at 10am: with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner.

SDCC Mobile Library Service

April - Every Tuesday: St.

Edmunds Square, Lucan 2.30 – 3.20pm

Foxborough Walk, Lucan – 5.30 – 6.15pm

Lucan Heights Green, Lucan – 6.40 – 7.30pm

Thursday: Gandon Crescent, Dodsboro – 2.30 –

3.20pm. Aderrig Drive, Adamstown – 3.30 –

4.30pm. Stonewell Park, Lucan – 5.30 – 6.20pm.

Shackleton Drive, Adamstown – 6.30 – 7.30pm.

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designed for people who have difficulty leaving

home. If you would like to avail of this service

you can contact the Mobile Library at

mobilelibraries@sdublincoco.ie



EXHIBITIONS

Kids art exhibition from Octopus Art School Art exhibition by Mariia Bodnar April 13-May 04th





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 2nd April lotto jackpot of €9,400. The numbers drawn were **16, 22, 29 & 32**. **Lucky dip's** go to Bridie Burke, Michelle Armstrong, Karen McKiernan, Eileen Maguire, Sarah Hazel. Our Easter Eggs winners: Sharon Hickey, Cormac Gordon, Liam Burke, Sinead Sealy, Nicola Miller. This week's Lotto on Thursday 9th April will be for a jackpot of €9,800. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Mini All Ireland Series

We are excited to announce that Lucan Sarsfields will be hosting a mini all-Ireland series this coming June. This is a huge event for the club and will require collaboration and support from club members. Player registration and instructions alongside volunteer



registration links will be circulated in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on our socials for further updates.



Lucan Sarsfields notes continued over.....

Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

The Lucan Sarsfield's Annual Fundraising Golf Classic will take place at Lucan Golf Club on Friday, 19th June 2026.

A four-person team is €450 which includes a round of golf, a goodie bag and meal. Great prizes on the day for Best Team Score, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Hole-in-One, 2's Competition and Putting Green Competition



This year we are proud to partner with our chosen charity CRY - Cardiac Risk in the Young www.cry.ie

We recognise and greatly appreciate the continued support of those who regularly contribute and attend this fundraising event. If you would like to enter a team, sponsor the event in any capacity, donate a prize, or join the Golf Classic Committee please contact a member of the committee

- Sara Hickey 086-8187070
- Maggie Mulqueen 087-2866581
- Ruth Langton 086-823 1139
- Darren Lancaster 087-2134598



NA SÁIRSEALAIGH LEAMHCÁIN - Adult Fixtures to 16th April

Next week's lotto jackpot is € 9800

Advance Fixtures						
Day	Date	Time	Venue	Team	Competition	Opposition
Saturday	11-Apr	16:00	Kiltipper	Minor A Ladies Football	MLF D2	Thomas Davis
Saturday	11-Apr	16:00	Portmarnock	Minor B Ladies Football	MLF D7	Naomh Mearnog
Saturday	11-Apr	18:00	St. Anns Park	Senior Football	AFL 1	Clontarf
Sunday	12-Apr	11:00	Broomfield	Minor A Hurling	MHL D1	St. Sylvesters
Sunday	12-Apr	10:30	AGP3	Minor B Hurling	MHL D4	St. Judes
Sunday	12-Apr	11:00	Somerton	Minor C Hurling	MHL D8	Castleknock
Sunday	12-Apr	12:15	AGP3	Minor D Hurling	MHL D8	St. Judes
Sunday	12-Apr	10:30	Pitch 1	Junior A Football	AFL 6	St. Monicas
Sunday	12-Apr	12:15	Pitch 1	Inter Football	AFL 5	St. Brigids
Sunday	12-Apr	15:00	Ballyboughal	Junior B Football	AFL 9	Bailboughal
Sunday	12-Apr	15:00	Silver Park	Junior C Football	AFL 10 B	Kilmacud Crokes
Monday	13-Apr	19:00	Pitch 1	Minor A Camogie	MCL D1	Kilmacud Crokes
Monday	13-Apr	19:00	AGP3	Minor B Camogie	MCL D6	Ballyboden St. Endas
Monday	13-Apr	19:00	Horrie	Minor C Camogie	MCL D8	Naomh Brid
Tuesday	14-Apr	19:30	Pitch 1	Senior Camogie	CSL D1	Erins Isle
Tuesday	14-Apr	19:30	Away	Junior A Camogie	CJL D3	Erins Isle
Thursday	16-Apr	19:30	Pitch 1	Inter Camogie	CIL D1	St. Pergrines
Thursday	16-Apr	19:30	Away	Junior B Camogie	CJL D4	O'Tooles

Lucan Sarsfields *Continued.....*

Bereavement Notice

The death has occurred of Marian Flynn, daughter of Mary and the late Sean, sister of Noel Flynn (Inter Football) and sister-in-law of Helen.

Marian played many years for the club and will be sadly missed by everyone that knew her. The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mary, Noel, Helen and extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Paul Lyons Academic Bursary

Lucan Sarsfields GAA is humbled and proud to announce the Paul Lyons Bursary.

This fund has been created in memory of Paul, and on behalf of his family, as a tribute to someone who was the embodiment of our club values.

We will be opening applications in April / May 2026 which will result in a €3,000 contribution to the first year in college for any club member electing to study Full Time Quantity Surveying. As a Commercial Manager himself, Paul valued the power of education and the opportunities it can provide. His former employer, John Paul Construction, has committed to funding this bursary on an annual basis going forward.

We look forward to providing more details soon and are heartened that Paul's memory can be kept alive in such a positive fashion.

25 Card Drive

Date: Fridays until 8th May 2026. **Time:** 8.00pm Sharp. **Prize:** 1st €50 (if 12 or more players), **Entry:** €5 per player. **Venue:** Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar). Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.

Academy

Our academy is back and is open to all boys and girls aged between 4-7. The academy runs every Saturday – no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try. Age group times are as follows; 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am and 2019 – 11am.

Aontas Table Quiz

Join us for the Aontas Table Quiz Friday, **17th April** 2026, at 8pm sharp in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Function Room Fundraiser for Aontas Choir's Philippines trip to support vulnerable kids, schools, and Aeta communities in Tacloban. Table of 4: €40. Raffle prizes on the night.



Women's
Collective
Ireland
LUCAN

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. At Women's Collective Ireland Lucan, we have just completed a very busy and positive term.

We were delighted to celebrate a fantastic International Women's Day event and would like to sincerely thank Carroll's Pub Lucan, Base Pizza, and Pranic Healer Katherine McKenna for their generous support and spot prizes.

Registration Morning – Next Tuesday 14th April 2026. Come along, meet the team, and sign up for our upcoming programmes.

Conversation Club

Practice English in a relaxed, friendly space.
Mon 20 April, 10:30–12:30
at Adamstown Community Centre

Community Art/ Introduction to Acrylics (ETB)

No experience needed – explore creativity.
Tue 21 April, 10:00–12:00
at Balgaddy Community Centre

Restorative Yoga (6 weeks)

Flow, breath & balance.
Wed 22 April, 10:15–11:15
at Ballyowen Community Centre | €30

Chair Yoga (6 weeks)

Gentle, accessible movement for all.
Wed 22 April, 11:30–12:30
at Ballyowen Community Centre | €30

♥ 55's & Thriving

Social group with chats & activities.
Wed 22 April, 1:00–3:00
at Ballyowen Community Centre

Mixed Arts & Crafts (ETB)

Creative, relaxed, all levels welcome.
Wed 22 April, 10:00–12:00
at Adamstown | Limited places

Heads Up Programme (NEW)

Support for stress, anxiety & wellbeing.
Wed 15 April, 10:00–12:30, Adamstown

Coming Soon: Sustainability & Upcycling Programme

For more information, please contact Women's Collective Ireland Lucan: Tel: 0838607947 Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre, Castle Road, Ballyowen K78X6V9

Supporting women through connection, creativity, and community

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

New Fire Station:

I welcome the announcement that €16.4 million has been allocated for the development of a new Fire Station for Lucan in Clonburris. This significant investment, delivered under the Fire Services Capital Programme, will ensure the provision of modern, high-quality emergency response facilities. It will play a vital role in supporting residents across South Dublin, enhancing safety and emergency preparedness for years to come.

Darkness Into Light – don't forget to register!

I'm delighted to once again be working alongside Cllr. Liona O'Toole as part of the Darkness into Light committee. This inspiring annual event will take place in the early hours of Saturday, 9th May at 4:15am in St. Catherine's Park. You can register in-person this weekend at SuperValu, Lucan or online: www.darknessintolight.ie. Let's come together as a community and support the vital work of Pieta.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD

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Lucan Village Green:

I have submitted a formal request to SDCC to allocate Local Priority Fund money for semi-mature trees on the village green, subject to approval. Additional greenery would help soften the impact of the cut limestone. I am also exploring the installation of a "Little Free Library" book swap and have requested confirmation on the return of the wooden sculpture previously promised for reinstatement. In my view, significant work remains, and it is likely to be May before the green is ready to open.

Rezoning Report from SDCC Chief Executive:

Following recent public consultations on residential rezoning, the Chief Executive must issue a report to Councillors six weeks in advance of the final votes in May. I expect this report shortly, which will clarify the lands formally proposed for rezoning.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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South Dublin Local Community Safety Partnership:

A public meeting is planned in May (14th, date and venue tbc). In the meantime, if you wish to raise questions or issues at the next meeting, please contact me directly to discuss.

Traffic Management Meeting (TMM) – Westbury Drive / Westbury Avenue:

Following resident reports of near-misses and collisions, I raised this issue at the March TMM, requesting SDCC review the junction at Westbury Drive and Westbury Avenue, including consideration of yield signage or road markings. The Council advise this is a standard T-shaped priority junction within a cul-de-sac housing estate, with no ambiguity regarding right of way. Therefore, they do not recommend the installation of yield or stop signage or road markings. The Council advise that residents may wish to consider traffic calming measures, for example junction tightening.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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www.lotoole.com

I'm delighted that we are once again organising this year's Darkness into Light Lucan walk in St Catherine's Park on 9th May at 4:15am.

This important event brings our community together in support of mental health and hope. A huge thank you to our committee members, volunteers, Lucan Shopping Centre, local businesses, Fingal County Council, Lucan Gardai and Lucan Tidy Towns for their continued support. Registration takes place this Friday 10th and Saturday 11th from 12–3pm.

Over recent weeks I have been actively working on a number of local issues, including flooded areas, traffic management concerns and the increasing number of potholes arising from ongoing road works across the area.

If you have an issue in your locality please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Political Notes continued over.....

Political Notes *continued*

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

Phone 087 392 0931

Email jtuffy@cllr.s.dublincoco.ie

All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

Affordable Housing Clinic:

I am holding an Affordable Housing Clinic next Saturday 18 April 2026 from 11am to 1pm in the Ballyowen Castle Community Centre. I will have information aimed first time buyers trying to get a foot on the housing market who need to find out what affordable schemes there are, what is planned and what supports and subsidies they are eligible for. I will also have information about social housing and cost rental schemes. Feel free to contact me if you need directions or if you have any questions.

Some Good Auld Irish Sayings

"The craic was ninety"

"I'll go through ya for a shortcut"

"Sure, ya wid'nt put a fox out aff a hen house that weather"

"Sure, they wid sickin ya, listing to them"

"Aah sure you know yourself"

"They could talk the hind legs off a donkey"

"Sure the rain left me ringing wet"

"Dya ye know what I'm going to tell ya"

"Sure, them ones are always giving out"

"Ah sure it'll be grand"

"Go-wan ya eegit ya"

"If there was work in the bed, they'd sleep on the floor"

"Sure, there's people dying today that never died before"

"It's absolutely cat mallojan"

"They're as mad as a box of frogs"

"What did I tell Ya"

"Wid you have a titter a wit"

"Do you want a wee cuppa tae in yer han".



Castletown – Celbridge

A lecture by Deirdre Cullen on the painted decorations in the Long Gallery at Castletown House.

Deirdre Cullen was awarded a PhD at University College in 2026 for her study of the painted decorations in the Long Gallery at Castletown House.

5th May at 4.00pm – 5.30pm.

Tickets €5.

Castletown Cultural Programme:

The House of Guinness. Castletown House and Parklands.

9th May 2026. 4.00 pm – 5.30pm.

The Beartla Ó Flatharta Céilí Band –

Castletown House and Parklands.

22nd May 2026. 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm.

Elsafty, Armstrong & Browne.

26th June 2026. 8.30 pm – 9.30pm

Castletown House is open for daily guided tours.

The current opening hours of the Parkland are 07.00 to 19.00.

Silver Haven Coffee now open in the West Courtyard.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As the Parish Centre was closed this week the Camera Soiree did not meet. We will resume next Friday 17th April. Now that the temperature is rising some members of the group will no doubt be organising field trips and we can expect to see some exciting photos in the weeks to come.

Turning to the photos submitted over the past week, Irene sent in an interesting one of the current state of part of the village "green". Is the object in the centre of the photo a replacement for the semi mature trees that had been promised by South Dublin County Council but which now apparently will not now materialise – sorry for being so cynical!



Joe sent us in a photo of a field of Brassica Napus in bloom in Castletown - Rapeseed to you and I! Rapeseed is the third-largest source of vegetable oil and the second-largest source of protein meal in the world. Over 16,000 hectares were grown in Ireland in 2024 compared to just 9,000 hectares in the year 2000.

Donal sent in photos of some beautiful plants in bloom.

He also sent in some photos of Duckett's Grove in county Carlow which is a ruined 19th century great house. The interior of the house was destroyed by a major fire in the 1930s and is now inaccessible. The surrounding gardens, including two inter-connecting walled gardens, are managed by Carlow County Council and are open as a public park.



Stay safe until next week!