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Go to Source!

There is an ever-growing reliance on seeking information from social media platforms with no assurance that any response is going to be accurate! This was most evident during the protest period when information about transport times, school openings, entertainment, etc were being sought from social media platforms instead of the apps and websites set up for the purpose of providing the information first hand. There seems to be a greater trust placed in information provided by unknown people than in those who have been appointed to serve the particular purpose! This reminds me of my teen years when seeking permission to do something or to acquire something from my parents with the introduction 'everyone is going' or 'everyone says', and taking some time to realise that these were never good opening phrases! The opening response was always: 'well, everyone doesn't live in our house!' Only our own reasoning was acceptable!



As I drove through the countryside last week, I saw animals and their young grazing in the fields or sheltering from the rain, or hail, or sleet.... The young lambs and calves were close to their mothers in all circumstances. The bodies of most of the animals, most of the time, were pointing in the same direction for the reasons of being herd animals, or to face in the direction of the sun or for their own protection by natural instinct. Often when one moved, they all moved the same distance as they grazed or moved towards shelter. This is how herd animals get along and share space!

The benefit and burden of being human is that we have a greater power of reasoning than animals. While we live in community and are connected to one another, we need consensus to live well together. We also need our individual differences and opinions to progress meaningfully! We have as many ways of living life as there are people, with respect for boundaries being the line that serves the freedom to do this well.

Responses on social media can be useful, but often turn into polar arguments even though the query or comment was innocent and without guile! It's more satisfying to seek information at source or from people whom I know have the correct information. It's also preferable to enter and leave the interaction with a smile rather than with a new and growing argument. We all share the same space with human intelligence over herd instinct!

*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

Try our new chatbot, AskCI

Do you have questions about public services in Ireland, or need advice on your rights and entitlements?

You can now get help from our new chatbot, AskCI.

AskCI uses AI technology to answer your questions instantly, and its plain-language responses are entirely based on our verified content from citizensinformation.ie.

You can also ask questions in Irish and other languages, and AskCI will respond in these languages.

The chatbot can help you use citizensinformation.ie and direct you to related information, but it does not replace speaking to a Citizens Information officer.

You can continue getting help from:
The Citizens Information Phone Service
Your local Citizens Information Centre.

AskCI is currently in a pilot phase to allow us test and improve the service.

You can try AskCI today and let us know what you think. You can also find more information about the chatbot on our website.



Get tax back on some pharmacist healthcare expenses

Did you know you can now claim tax back on consultations and medications prescribed by your pharmacist under the Common Conditions Service?

You can claim tax relief at your standard rate of tax, which is 20%. The new Common Conditions Service lets your pharmacist give advice and offer you treatment options for 8 common conditions. This means you can get help from your pharmacist instead of going to your GP for: Allergic rhinitis, Cold sores, Conjunctivitis, Impetigo, Oral thrush, Shingles, Cystitis (uncomplicated urinary tract infection (UTI)), Vaginal thrush

You can already claim tax relief for health expenses on a range of healthcare expenses, including GP visits and medications or drugs prescribed by your GP.

Ban on scramblers in public places

From 3 April 2026, it's illegal to use an off-road motorcycle in a public place.

Examples of off-road motorcycles include: Scramblers, Quadbikes, Motorised trail-bikes, Motorised dirt-bikes, Motorised go-carts

You can only use these off-road motorcycles on private land if: You're the landowner or occupier, You have the landowner's written consent

The new rules strengthen the Gardaí's enforcement powers, allowing them to take any scrambler being used in a public place. Find out more about the rules for scramblers in Ireland on our website.

MABS

The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, confidential service that offers advice and support for managing your money and overcoming problem debt.

MABS money advisers can give advice and practical help to make a plan, review your debts, deal with your creditors and work towards solutions.

MABS is involved in the Abhaile scheme which provides free-of-charge, expert advice for people facing mortgage arrears.

MABS also provides money management education across communities, and has produced a range of publications. It also has free online money tools you can use to help manage your money and begin to tackle your debts.

[More information on our website.](#)

The 1926 Census Release

I have been approached recently by a number of people who would like to see the Genealogy Soirées coming back to St. Mary's. Given the imminent release of the 1926 census, I thought I'd organise a few 'One hour with the Census' sessions beginning on Thursday 23 April 2026 at 10.30 am in the Parish Bungalow. I've booked the following two Thursdays also.

If you'd like to attend, please send me an email at mjneleven@gmail.com, stating your preferred date as space may be limited.

Again, as in the past, these sessions will be to share information and experience. No computers are needed. The only charge is a small donation towards overheads.

Mary (Jackson)

Lucan Senior Citizens

Special Birthday Greetings to Freda Comerford who celebrated her 80th Birthday with some friends on Friday last, while this weekend, she will be celebrating with her family in Cork.



Right: Sr. Geraldine and Freda had a joint celebration with us on Wednesday last.

Wednesday 22nd April: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Lucan Active Retirement Association

Last week some members went to see the Johnny Cash and June Carter show, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to the winners of the Grand National Draw and thanks to Michael Bradley for all the organisation.

We continue this week with our Chair Yoga, which is enjoyed by everyone, also our Bowls, Scrabble and Whist Card Game.



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.

Lucan Drama

Well now that was a great experience altogether. A classic Irish play, a fabulous cast, crew and wider support team, a great venue but most of all an incredibly supportive and engaged audience.



The Beauty Queen of Leenane proved to be a tremendous success and we remain very grateful to the Lucan public for all your support.

We would also like to thank all the team in Courtney's for looking after us and the support from the local businesses who provided spot prizes etc.

No rest for us though, next up is an evening of World Premières towards the end of May.

We can't wait to welcome you all again. Booking info will be available soon.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep



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

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

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.

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

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



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Michael (Jack) Cunniffe**, Palmerstown.
May he rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT

Saturday/ Sunday 25th / 26th April.

Many thanks for your generosity.



Sensory Mass

Maynooth parish invites families to a calm and welcoming Worship experience



25th of April at 5.30pm



St Mary's Catholic Church Maynooth



What to Expect

Reduced sound levels
Lower lighting
Short Service: 20 minutes
Sensory items available
Movement around the church permitted
Noise welcome and understood
Cup of tea after Mass in the Pastoral Centre



Contact: Emma 087 4826356
parishyouthmaynooth@gmail.com

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.*



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.

Bingo:

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

St Vincent De Paul – St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses **THIS Sunday 19th April**

Thank you for your generosity.

Anniversary

Patrick Lynam 5th Anniversary

I carried you on eagles' wings
And brought you to myself.
*Always remembered and deeply
loved by your family and friends.*



Birthday Remembrance

John Lally 12th April

A special smile, a special face
Of a special Dad we can't replace.
You gave your love, your whole life through,
God bless you Dad, we miss and love you too.
Our loving Dad is now at rest
For each of us he did his best.
His love was great, his heart was kind
What wonderful memories he left behind.
Happy heavenly Birthday Dad
*Greatly missed and dearly loved, from your
daughter Alison, Andy, Alisha, Ruth, Craig,
Caden and Koah.*



LUCAN ICA

Monday 20th: We celebrate our 60th Birthday in the Spa Hotel so we won't be open for classes in the morning.

Tea Rota for the 27th are Nuala and Sally. 4 ladies are off to An Grainan for the week, no doubt they will have a great week.

Come and Join us for a Cuppa



THE ALZHEIMER
SOCIETY of IRELAND

Tea Day

6th May 2026
1.30pm to 3.30pm

**St Mary's Parish Centre
Lucan
Eircode: K78 E138**



For further information, please visit:

www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lucan native **Crónan Dooley** who has been appointed Principal of Divine Mercy Senior School, Balgaddy. He is wished every success in his new post.

LUCAN FESTIVAL

Lucan Festival 2026

Many people in Lucan when they look at the Hills Industrial Estate think only of the Woollen Mills operated by Hills from 1870 to 1988. But before Hills there was a thriving Iron Mills operating there from the mid 1700's. The Mill owned by Thomas Blair together with another in Palmerstown had upwards of 400 persons working there. Reminder that Lucan in 1841 had around 4/500 people. The Mills would have operated on a 24hr basis and in 1801 had 8 water wheels. In 1850 there were 6 water wheels, 3 of 18ft diameter, 1 of 16ft, 1 of 15ft and 1 of 14ft. Learn more about Blairs Iron Works during Lucan Festival week.

Anyone interested in lending a hand as a volunteer please contact us at:

lucanfestival@gmail.com



We hope you will have heard by now that Lucan won our first gold medal ever in the National Tidy

Towns Competition 2025. We got word last October. It's only this week that the event to present the medals was held. The medal was presented to three of our volunteers by Minister for Health Jennifer Carroll McNeill.



Naturally we were delighted to get our hands on the medal at last. We have been striving very hard to reach this pinnacle for 30 years or more.



Now the challenge is to hold on to the gold in 2026. We need everyone's help to make this happen.

The first opportunity to do this is coming up next week, **Saturday the 25th of April**. We are holding **Lucan Village Cleanup Day** as part of the National Spring Clean month, which comes around every April. We hope many of you can

join in from 10 o'clock on the 25th. We meet at the car park in Carroll's pub. Pickers, bags, brushes etc will be provided and some refreshments afterwards.

If you have any questions you can contact us by email at lucantidytowns@gmail.com or text 0879468271.

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Lucan Tidy Towns*



How are we doing after the past week or so? There certainly was plenty of tension around the place from people worried about getting from A to B, and some for medical and other very important appointments.

There are lots of different opinions out there, but one thing is for sure, being in government is not an easy job!

We can only pray that there'll be peace in the Middle East soon, and things will settle down....

Lucan House! On a happier note, it's great to see that Lucan House is to be opened to the public at weekends, from the beginning of May. Looking forward to visiting....

Public Seating! We spotted a couple of new seats along the various pathways around Lucan, where one can take a breather and rest the weary bones on those long walks.....



Let's hope they'll only be used for the purpose intended!!!

Lucan Lions Club

Many thanks to all our supporters and volunteers who took part in our activities over the Easter period.



Our **Luxury Hamper**

Raffle held in SuperValu over the weekend of 27 to 29 March was a great success. Sincere thanks to SuperValu for sponsoring the hampers. We are most grateful to SuperValu customers and the Lions members and volunteers who helped out in selling the Raffle tickets. The Raffle winners were notified and collected their hampers.

Our inaugural **Lucan Lions Club Easter Mile** was held on Easter Sunday at the Lucan Harriers Track. We were delighted with the level of participation from individuals and families and it turned out to be a nice start to Easter Sunday in a friendly atmosphere. It was the first project of this type for us and all of the participants contributed to a very satisfying occasion. We are delighted with the response and plan to organise it again at Easter 2027. Many thanks to Lucan Harriers for the use of the facilities and the Lions Club members and others who helped with organisation and registration etc.



Pictured are a happy group of participants

We will keep the Lucan community informed of our forthcoming events as they arise and we are grateful to the Lucan Newsletter team for publicising our activities

*Mattie McCabe
PRO*



Carers & Toddlers Group

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

All Welcome!





St. Joseph's College

World Home Economics Day

Before the Easter break, TY students along with their Home Economics teachers Ms. Ennis, Ms. Thompson, Ms Murray and Ms Fitzpatrick created smoothies and granola pots to celebrate World Economics Day which took place on 21st March.

Basketball Champions

A massive well done to our second-year basketball team who won their regional final before the Easter break. The girls were outstanding and a credit to the school. The final score was 37-17. They now go through to the All Ireland play offs. The supporters were brilliant on the day with lots of hand-made posters and banners. We even had our own mascot – The Grinch, performed by Mia Lindsey. Mia went head-to-head with the Adamstown mascot at half time which added to the entertainment on the day. Thanks to Adamstown CC for the great game.

Ceist Student Leadership

Six members of our student leadership attended the CEIST leadership conference online today and presented their Be Kind campaign which has been running in the school all year. The **CEIST student** leadership program is a key initiative designed to empower students across its network of 105 voluntary secondary schools in Ireland. The program focuses on fostering leadership rooted in **CEIST values**, such as promoting spiritual development, creating community, and being just and responsible.



Under 14 Camogie

Well done to our under 14 camogie team who won their quarter final this week against Holy Faith, Rathcoole.



Public Access to Law

Thank you to the Chief State Solicitors Office for coming in to talk to our PAL students before the Easter break. James, Ciara and Kevin spoke about their careers in civil service, how to qualify as a solicitor and the role of a solicitor for the state. Our students found it extremely insightful and enjoyable.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan

Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraigh

School Tour: Our 60 2nd yr students and 7 teachers have returned safely after a memorable 4-day school tour to Barcelona. Taking place over the Easter break, the trip provided a rich and balanced programme of cultural exploration, educational experiences, and recreational activities. It proved to be an invaluable opportunity for students to broaden their horizons, develop independence, and strengthen friendships in a new and exciting environment.

The tour began with an early departure from Dublin Airport, followed by a guided walking tour of Barcelona. Highlights included the Gothic Quarter, La Rambla, and the Cathedral of Barcelona, as well as the iconic Sagrada Família, where students gained insight into the city's rich history and architecture. The group then travelled to Salou, where they stayed in the 4R Gran Regina Hotel, which provided excellent facilities for rest and relaxation.

Day two featured a visit to Montserrat, where students travelled by cable car and explored the historic monastery, enjoying breath-taking views and learning about its cultural significance. Later, they visited the CosmoCaixa Science Museum, engaging with its interactive exhibits and planetarium. On day three, students experienced the excitement of PortAventura World, one of Europe's leading theme parks, where they embraced a range of attractions and activities.

The final day included visits to the Spotify Camp Nou interactive experience, the Olympic facilities, and the Barcelona Aquarium, along with some free time for shopping. Throughout the trip, students displayed exemplary behaviour and represented the school with great pride.

Sincere thanks are extended to the accompanying teachers for their dedication and support. Overall, the tour was an enriching and memorable experience for all involved.



Movie Club: The CBS Film Club marked their annual trip on Friday, 27th March, with a visit to the Lighthouse Cinema in Smithfield. Led by Mr. Loughnane and accompanied by Mr. McGill, 28 senior students attended a private screening of *One Battle After Another*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and an acclaimed cast. The experience was highly enjoyable, with students appreciating both the film and the cinema's welcoming atmosphere. A special €5 offer on popcorn and a drink added to the day. Overall, the trip was a great success and a perfect end-of-term activity, with more events planned in the future.

Cross Country: Many congratulations to TY student Conor Abbott, who proudly represented his school and country at the Schools Cross Country International Championships in Bangor, Wales before the Easter Break, where he secured

a fantastic silver medal as part of the Irish Schools Team. Competing against elite athletes from schools across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, Conor faced extremely challenging conditions.....

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Coláiste Phádraigh *continued...*

..... with marshy ground and uneven terrain testing even the most experienced runners. Despite this, he delivered an outstanding performance in the 4 x 1,500m Intermediate mixed relay event. Running the crucial second leg, Conor showed remarkable composure and determination, maintaining a strong and consistent pace throughout. His excellent awareness ensured a smooth baton exchange, keeping his team firmly in contention. Impressively, Conor recorded the fastest time on the team—4 minutes and 43 seconds - highlighting both his ability and commitment. This prestigious silver medal is a well-deserved reward for Conor's hard work and perseverance.

Maths: Congratulations to our team of four 3rd yr students — Ayman Ahmed, Anish Kodishala, Rohan Malik, and Ibraheem Abd Alkhalik — who have successfully qualified for the National Final of the IMTA Pi Maths Competition. The team secured their place after an excellent performance at the Regional Round, held in The King's Hospital on Tuesday 24th March.



The Pi Quiz, established in 2009, is a highly regarded competition that brings together teams of four Junior Cycle students to compete in a table quiz format. The contest consists of eight rounds: six rounds with two questions each, followed by two further rounds of four questions. Each team works together to solve mathematical problems based on the Junior Cycle Higher Level Maths syllabus. Our team delivered a consistent performance throughout. They achieved full marks in each of the first six rounds, showing impressive accuracy and teamwork under pressure. In round seven, they scored 3 out of 4, followed by 2 out of 4 in the final round, giving them a total of 17 out of 20. This outstanding score secured them clear first place out of 22 competing teams, finishing two points ahead of the next best teams, who both scored 15 out of 20. Each member of the team was awarded a trophy in recognition of their achievement. They will now represent the school at the National Final in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Saturday, 25th April.



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

Acre Project Fundraiser Plant Sale 2026

Mark your calendars! **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.

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!

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.

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

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.



ADULT EVENTS

Regular 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:



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@sdblincoco.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.



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.

NEURODIVERSE EVENTS

Available now from Lucan Library.

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

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.

Library@home is our home delivery service 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@sdblincoco.ie



EXHIBITIONS

April Exhibitions:



Kids art exhibition from Octopus

Art School Art exhibition by

Mariia Bodnar

April 13-May 04th

Opening Hours:

Monday – Thursday 9.45 am – 8.00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9.45 am – 4.30 pm.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 9th April lotto jackpot of €9,800. The numbers drawn were **3, 9, 26 & 30**. **Lucky dip's** go to Sean Stapleton, Michael Heffernan, Gerry McAndrew, Ciara Dardis, Emer Keenan. This week's Lotto on Thursday 16th April will be for a jackpot of €10,200. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Edel Mooney. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

Our Golf Classic is officially sold out!

A huge thanks to everyone who entered — 64 teams are now set for what promises to be a brilliant day on the course! We're creating a waiting list for any additional entries. Tee box sponsorships are still available (€100 each), and we're also looking for competition and raffle prizes. If any members or local businesses would like to get involved in sponsoring the Classic in any way, please get in touch with a member of the committee.

A special thank-you to our main Golf Classic sponsor – Colm Corrigan Builders for their fantastic support. This event is the Club's main fundraiser for 2026, and your support makes all the difference! Sara Hickey 086-8187070, Maggie Mulqueen 087-2866581, Ruth Langton 086-823 1139, Darren Lancaster 087-2134598.

Feile Weekend

What a fantastic Féile weekend for Lucan Sarsfields,



with no fewer than five teams representing the club!! We had four Ladies Football teams in action across the county. Our Division 7 team produced a thrilling performance to claim



victory in their final against Geraldine P. Morans, edging the game in dramatic fashion in the closing moments to win by the slimmest of margins. Huge congratulations to all involved on a truly memorable win!



Our Division 2 Ladies Football team battled bravely to reach the semi finals before losing out to a strong Na Fianna side, while our Division 10 team also gave an excellent account of themselves, narrowly missing out in their semi final against Na Dubhghall. There was also great excitement in the boys' competition, where our Feile Boys Division 7 team contested the shield final, eventually coming up just short against Na Gael Óga after a tremendous effort. A massive thank you to all our players for representing Lucan Sarsfields with distinction throughout the weekend, and to the mentors, families, and supporters who turned out in great numbers to cheer them on. Days like these truly capture the spirit and pride of our club. Well done to everyone involved – Lucan Abú!

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Comhghairdeas ó chroí to all our Seachtain na Gaeilge competition winners! **For ages 6–7**, 1st place goes to Taylor Parker and 2nd place to Alex Gavan. **For ages 8–9**, 1st place is Matthew Duff and 2nd place Jack Wheatley. **For ages 10–12**, 1st place goes to Ben O'Byrne and 2nd place to Charlotte Kiely. A huge thank you to everyone who entered—both online and in person. The standard was fantastic, and while not everyone could win, every participant will receive a goodie bag and certificate as a token of appreciation for taking part. Prizes and goodie bags can be collected from behind the bar in the clubhouse. Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!

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.

Bereavement Notices

The death has occurred of **David Murray**, grandfather to Kellie Murray (Mentor - Minor Camogie). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Kellie and the extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

ESKER CELTIC

2005/2006 Senior team had their 20-year reunion in the Foxhunter last Friday to celebrate the double winning team who won the Leinster Senior League Sunday Division 2 and the Tommy Cullen Cup in 2006.



Conversational Irish

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

All are welcome

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DODSBORO GOLFERS ANNUAL OUTING



Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 15th May 2026
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee : €45 Per Person (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

POLITICAL NOTES

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Lucan House Opening:

This week council officials announced that Lucan House will open on a weekend basis to the public from the May bank holiday. This is a welcome development ahead of the summer and will help to generate engagement in this fantastic amenity.

An Taisce Spring Clean – Lucan Events:

This week I was out helping to advertise the An Taisce National Spring Clean annual initiative. Here in Lucan, this will see Adamstown Tidy Towns have a clean-up at 10.30am on Saturday 18th. Lucan Tidy Towns will have a similar clean-up on Saturday 25th.

Airlie Park – Water Station:

The water station nearest the Tram Café remains out of service. I have raised this with the parks section in the Council, and in response they have referred this to the depot for inspection. Hopefully we will see this working ahead of the summer evenings.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

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Lucan Village Green: The SDCC CE reported this week that works in Lucan Village, the Demesne and the Weir Promenade are close to finishing, though bad weather and delays with the bandstand have pushed timelines back. The Village and Demesne are expected to be handed over in late April, with some landscaping and seating still to be completed, while a new timeline for promenade works is awaited. This is concerning, as there are no dates given yet for this. For information

on what I believe needs to be asked now, and details on responses to my recent requests to SDCC for the village green (semi-mature trees / little free

library / return of the wooden sculpture) use QR code here or go to my blog post on *Lucan Village Green* updates.



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Capital Projects Update

from this week's Council meeting. Good news, the CEO reported **Lucan House** will open for public access from the weekend before the May bank holiday (24 April). Access initially on a weekend basis over the summer. Further details on what areas will be open and on access arrangements tbc by the Council. The **Pool** remains with the contractor and is expected to open by the end of the month, subject to operator training and programme readiness. Substantial works in the **Village** are expected to be completed later this month, some additional items will remain outstanding, and works at the **Weir** are progressing separately.

Sarsfield Park tree adjacent to steps:

Following safety queries, the Council confirmed the tree was assessed by an independent arborist, requires no action, and is being retained as a habitat stem.

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Road Conditions in Lucan:

I will be raising concerns about the poor condition of roads across Lucan, particularly Newcastle Road following repeated works and inadequate reinstatements. I am requesting a full review of all road openings and will be calling on SDCC to repair potholes and resurface affected areas as a matter of urgency.

Delighted to see that Lucan House will be opening its grounds to the public from this weekend and on weekends going forward. While there is still work to be done on the overall masterplan this is a really positive first step. Initial conservation and repair works have been carried out and consultants are now being appointed to progress the full masterplan. To now have public access is a great beginning I hope you all get the chance to enjoy a stroll around the grounds they are truly amazing.

Political Notes continued over....

Political Notes Cont'd

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

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Dáil Confidence Motion:

I voted no confidence in the Government on Tuesday. The last budget focused on tax breaks for developers over people with disabilities struggling to make ends meet, our constituency is gridlocked with no proper public transport network and new areas given insufficient parking spaces and the response to the Trump/Nethanyahu-sponsored fuel and cost of living crisis has been too slow and inadequate. My main contribution and subsequent debate interactions were done in a respectful manner and focused on short to long term solutions based on realistic financial projections rather than attacking people and promising everything. I'm also conscious some groups have attempted to hijack protests for their own agenda and am definitely not a fan of barricades that hurt ordinary people more when alternatives are available.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Families, individuals and businesses are experiencing significant financial strain due to the ongoing global fuel crisis. In response, Government has agreed an additional €525m support package to help alleviate immediate pressures building on the €250m package announced last month. Taken together, these measures will bring the total level of support to €775 million.

Measures include:

- * An extension of the current excise reductions until July 31st.
- * A further reduction of 10c in the price of diesel, bringing the total reduction to 32c per litre;
- * A further reduction of 10c in the price of petrol, bringing the total reduction to 27c per litre;
- * A reduction of 2.4c in the price of Marked Gas Oil (Green Diesel), bringing the total reduction to 7.4c per litre;
- * €100m Farmers and Fisheries Fuel Subsidy Support Scheme
- * €40m Road Transporters Support Scheme

Metro Dart Vital Transport Solution

Public transport will play a major role in reducing traffic congestion especially rail. It must be designed for all Dublin, not just for the city centre. All work and many other activities are no longer in the city centre, but around all areas of Dublin and in adjoining towns. It is essential this work has direct access from all areas by public transport, as time is very important in accessing work. It is even more important for country users. This is the most important ingredient in Metro Dart overground. This is done by linking up all the existing rail lines in Dublin in orbital form. The city centre doesn't lose out in this plan; it will have an even better service. For any transport system to be effective, it must suit the user. Metro Dart using standard rail gauge does exactly this. Dublin Airport will have direct access from all areas of Dublin and Ireland with rail, see map on website. This is a simple solution benefiting all areas.



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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

I'm afraid that last week's protests about rising fuel prices and the resultant scarcity of the stuff rather discouraged members of the Soiree from going on field trips. However, this did not stop them from taking photographs locally.

Kay submitted some very nice still life photographs and Paddy was down by the river. I sincerely hope that the person with the enormous umbrella did not get the weather he was expecting.



Joe gave us a nice photo of cherry blossoms in Beech Park.

Cherry trees have been blooming earlier in Japan since the 1950s because of climate change and urbanisation. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency between 1961 and 1990, cherry trees in Tokyo started blooming on March 29 on average. Between 1991 and 2020 that date moved up to March 24. It may surprise you to know that there are spectacular annual displays of the cherry blossoms much nearer home in cities such as Stockholm, Bonn, Paris and Edinburgh.



Returning to Donal's photo last week of Duckett's Grove, a ruined 19th

century great house in county Carlow another view of the house is included this week. The house was built around 1745 on an estate covering more than 5,000 acres (20 km²) of the Carlow countryside. Originally, the structure was designed as a standard two-

storey over-basement Georgian country house. From the mid-1820s, it was redesigned in a Gothic revival style. This extension was apparently funded by a number of strategic marriages into wealthy merchant families!

Stay safe until next week!