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Let Sleeping Dogs Lie!

As I sat on a bench in a car park in Cavan relaxing with a coffee under a rare ray of sunshine, a rather old Labrador was resting under another bench where its' lead was tied while his owner chatted close by. As I watched, a tuxedo cat gracefully, leapt down from the wall onto the bench. The cat noticed the dog and looked down at him through the slats in the bench and proceeded to stick his paws and claws down to disturb him. The dog lifted his head up from under the bench to see what was striking him. Straight away the cat extended his claws aiming for the soft, wet nose of the dog who growled and strained to get away from the cat. The owner came to his rescue.



It was instinctive and wise of the dog to get away as while a cat is much smaller than he, as the cat has twenty sharp and fast swiping knives hidden in his soft paws ready for rapid attack or to tease! It was a Tom and Jerry scenario! The cat was probably being territorial and clearing space to lie on the sunbed of the bench! It was all about the cat!

There's a bit of a cat in all of us, as we are all capable of extending claws for a territorial scratch without due consideration for what might be going on in someone else's day or life! As age was not in the dog's favour in terms of strength or agility, there are people in our everyday experience who don't have the strength or agility to deal with unnecessary hassle. There are days that can weigh heavily for anyone while appearances are worn like masks. There are times when we can strike impulsively and regret the consequent action almost immediately!

Personally, I try to avoid causes of regret – I don't always succeed and consequently have bridges to build at times! Currently, there are many causes of stress, anxiety and concern in our world and enough external claw-like stimulants of upset without us adding to them! The dog was merely sleeping! The cat could have shared the space and both enjoyed the sunshine! Perhaps today could be the day we don't major on minors!

*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

Travelling Abroad

Before you go on a trip, make sure to do a few essential things. First, check the rules and requirements for the country you are visiting. You might need a visa, or your passport may need renewing. You should think about getting travel insurance in case something goes wrong.

If you plan to drive, ensure your driver's licence is valid. More information is available on our website.

It's good to know where the nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate is, just in case you need help. Irish citizens travelling or living overseas can register their contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Department can contact you or assist you in an unforeseen crisis such as a natural disaster, civil unrest, or a family emergency abroad.

Check travel advice and entry requirements for your destination

Check the travel advice and entry requirements for the country you are visiting before you travel abroad.

You might need a visa, this depends on your destination. You can find out if you need a visa on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website.

Irish citizens will not need European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) authorisation to travel to the Schengen Area, Cyprus, or any EU country.

Passports

Check that your and your family's passports are up to date before you book. Passport Online is open to all applicants. You can get information on how to renew your passport or how to apply for your child's first passport.

The latest passport turnaround times are available on the Passport Service's website.

You should get travel insurance for yourself and your family

You should bring your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) with you if you are travelling to the EEA or Switzerland. You cannot use your EHIC in the UK. But you can still get the healthcare you need. You will need to show your Irish passport to the GP or hospital. Make sure that it is in date, it must be renewed every 4 years, and each family member needs their own. An EHIC does not replace travel insurance. Ireland and Australia have a reciprocal health agreement. This means Irish visitors to Australia will receive emergency services and assistance towards the cost of prescribed drugs and medicines on the same basis as persons ordinarily resident in Australia.

Irish citizens travelling in the UK are entitled to access healthcare through the Common Travel Area.

While abroad

Note the address, telephone number and opening hours of the Irish Embassy or Consulate in the country you are visiting. In countries with no Irish diplomatic or consular representation, you may seek emergency assistance from embassies or consulates of other European Union countries. On its website, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides advice on staying safe while abroad and what to do in an emergency.

Check if you need any vaccines or immunisations before you travel (at least 6 to 8 weeks in advance).

Make a note of the 24-hour emergency number of your bank so you can cancel your credit card or debit card if it is stolen.

Check your mobile data allowance with your mobile phone service provider. (For travel outside of the EEA).

Do you need a special adapter to plug in your electrical devices?

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We had our Chair Yoga last week, which the members continued to enjoy. We also had 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.

New members always welcome.



Lucan Tidy Towns
Caring for our environment

National Spring Clean 2026

You are invited to join us:
On Saturday 25th April 10am to 12.
Meeting in the Car Park of Carroll's Gastro Pub Lucan Village
Pickers, bags, brushes etc will be provided.
Bring your own gloves if possible.
Refreshments will be provided afterwards.



Our mascot Tidy Tim will be there to greet you!

Lucan Drama

Having had a great time during our recent production all attention has now turned to our upcoming evening of One Acts which will run in Courtney's of Lucan at the end of May.

Not only do we have 3 World Premieres to present but all three were written by members of Lucan Drama. We are so fortunate to have such talent among our members.

More details next week.



Catherine Collins (L) and Bernie Edgeworth (R) during the recent production of The Beauty Queen of Leenane.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
PARENTS ASSOCIATION



CLOTHING COLLECTION EVENT

 **Saturday, 25th April**
 **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**
 **Lay-by at St. Joseph's College**

Have a clear-out and help a good cause!
We're collecting clean, reusable clothing and textiles – all donations welcome.

Thank you for your support! 

Sarsfield Park Residents Association

AGM

KENNYS LOUNGE

**8pm
28th April**



The outgoing committee are looking for members to step up and help with the running of the association

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 29th April: Social morning and lunch in The Spa Hotel, 10.30am – 2.00pm.



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

Best wishes to the boys and girls of
Gael Scoil Naomh Padraig
who will make their Holy Communion this
Saturday 25th April.



Hope you all have a lovely day.
*Please remember them
in your prayers.*



St. Mary's Readers' Roster May

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

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.

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one, or a bereavement of any kind.

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

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Susan Brady**, Kinnegad, formerly Lucan
May she rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS

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

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



Best wishes to the boys and girls
from

*Griffeen Valley Educate
Together N.S., Lucan*

*Community N.S. and Lucan East Educate
Together N.S.* who will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation this Saturday 25th April.

Please remember them in your prayers.

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.

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

Best wishes to the boys and girls of
St Thomas' J.N.S.

who will make their
First Holy Communion
this Saturday 25th April.

Hope you all have a lovely day.

Please keep them in your prayers.



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

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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.*



Date for your Diary

30th May

Knock Pilgrimage,

More details later.

Acknowledgement

Marian Flynn RIP
26th March 2026

Mary and Noel would like to thank our family, friends and neighbours for all their help and support following the recent death of our beloved Marian.



Mass will be offered this Sunday 26th April at 12 noon in St Patrick's Church, Esker for Marian's Month's Mind and her Dad Sean's 14th Anniversary.

May they both Rest in Peace. Amen

Anniversary

Michael (Mick) Cummins
4th Anniversary, 24th April

Late of Woodview, Lucan
I thought of you today,
but that is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday,
And days before that too.

I think of you in silence,
And I often speak your name,
All I have now are my memories,
And your picture in a frame.

Your memory is a keepsake,
from which I'll never part,
God has you in his arms,
And I have you in my heart.

*Sadly missed and loved by his wife
Bernadette, sons Stephen, Robert
and David, daughter in law and grandchildren.*

Michael will be remembered at Mass on Saturday 25th April, at 6.30pm in St Mary's Church.



Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from **28th August to 4th September**.

Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years.

The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent.

There are places available to fly from Cork Airport, and also from Dublin Airport. Limited places are available.

For more information call Damien on 087 20 49 048

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.



Aren't flowers just magical.
This delicate little beauty was spotted in a local garden centre this week.

Lucan I.C.A.

Lucan Guild celebrate their 60th Birthday

On Monday last Lucan Guild celebrated their 60th birthday party in the Spa Hotel. We were delighted to invite our National President Mary D'Arcy, our Dublin President Antoinette Rea, National Secretary June Lawless, Federation Treasurer and Lucan Secretary Mary Duffy, Lucan President Pauline Bligh and our craft promoter Mary Curley.

We were joined by teachers Breda Bohan, Eleanor Hewitt and Bronwyn Murray to the dinner. A special mention to our neighbouring guilds Blanchardstown and Castleknock for coming and lastly to our own members of Lucan Guild past and present.

It was also a proud and memorable occasion as we launched our commemorative book "Lucan ICA 2026 - 60th Birthday Celebrations"

This book captures the rich history, memories, and achievements of our guild over the past 60 years and it is with great pride we present it to our members.

We all enjoyed a beautiful meal provided by the Spa Hotel for which we thank them. The birthday cake went down a treat, and we had a generous raffle provided by the members and friends, so we all went home full and happy.



Celebrating 60 years of the Irish Countrywomen's Association in Lucan, along with the 'top table' above, are some of our members, from top to bottom and left to right:

Cath, Carmel and Mary. Anne and Geraldine. Josie and Patricia. Mary and Pauline. Anne and Angela. Sally and Margaret. Paula, Anne and Rita. The Birthday Cake.



Notes

We return to our craft morning on Monday 27th when we will have a committee/ business meeting at 10am. *Tea rota* are Nuala and Sally.

We are closed the following week for May bank holiday.

Congratulations to Pauline Bligh who came second in her Mountmellick embroidery while she was in An Grianan last week.

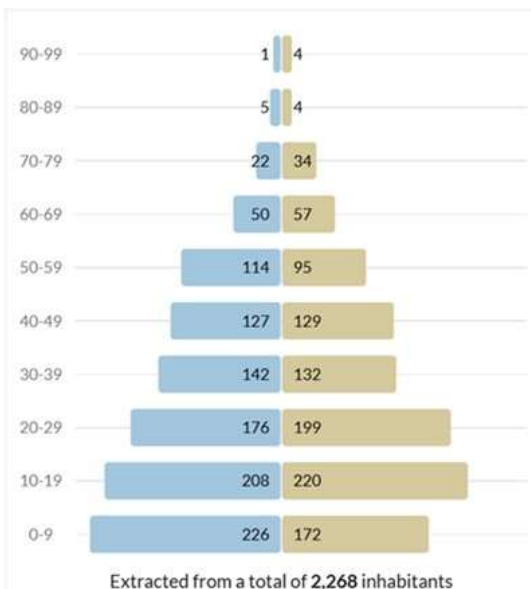
Congratulations to Miriam and Joe Gavin on becoming grandparents again, a grandson Joe.

The Release of the 1926 Census

It's fair to say that no one in my family was surprised to hear that, at precisely 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, 18 April 2026, I was sitting with my laptop open, ready to dive into the newly released 1926 Census records the very moment they became available. And I was not disappointed. It was quite emotional to see my late parents' names printed on a census return for the first time—my Mam, aged 1 year and 11 months; my Dad, aged 5—his father, it seems, wasn't inclined to note the actual months. I spent nearly two hours browsing that first night!

On Sunday I began exploring the returns from the Lucan District Electoral Division, which has 28 townlands—many of whose names are now familiar thanks to the area's rapid housing growth. Imagine this, in 1926, only 23 people lived in Adamstown and just 52 in Laraghcon. Main Street had the largest number of people, 391 (or 83 families in 77 houses), while eight other townlands had over 100 people living in each of them. Weir View had 25 families living in the 23 houses, 106 people in total. Of these, 58 were under 30 years old and 65 were single. One interesting occupation of a young woman in Weir View was a model in the School of Art.

The following is the **Population Pyramid by Age and Sex** from the National Archives website.



While studying the returns, I looked into two people listed as the oldest residents on Main Street. Unfortunately, some transcription errors had crept in—a man shown as aged 99 turned out to be a 22 year old clerical student, while the woman recorded as 99 was actually 79, living with her sister in law of the same age.

The person who impressed me most was **Annie Freeman (née Clarke)**, wife of William Henry Freeman, a foreman in the flour mills. Over 31 years of marriage, she had twelve children—eight of whom appeared on the 1926 return. The youngest, Arthur, was a 9-year-old schoolboy while Frederick, aged 26, also worked for the Shackletons. Two other sons were employed as an electrician and a dairy engineer apprentice, and a daughter was working in the Co Op Stores.

After tracing some of their birth and death records on irishgenealogy.ie, I began searching for Annie's 'missing' four children. Fortunately, I found a family tree on the Ancestry website (*managed by an American researcher*) which listed of four additional daughters. Annie and Nora both appeared on the census return from the hospital where they both worked as nurses. Winifred married Alfred Beehan in 1923 and she was living in Lucan Demesne townland with her husband, a painter, and a young son. I could not locate a 1926 record—or any marriage or death record—for Helen, who was born in 1907.

Annie died at Mill House in 1942, aged 71. The family later moved to 6 Fair View, Lucan, where her husband passed away in 1948.

The 1926 Census was the first in Ireland to use bilingual forms—printed in both Irish and English—though it wasn't the first time responses had appeared in Irish. In Lucan, there were 199 Irish speakers.

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The Release of the 1926 Census

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One return was from a 62 year old retired schoolteacher, from Valentia Island, Co. Kerry, living with his wife (born in Michigan) and his sister in law, from Bere Island. All three indicated that they were native Irish speakers who also spoke English. Ten years later, his 1936 death record shows that the family had moved across the city.

Two features I especially appreciate in these returns are the inclusion of the address—placed vertically on the front of Form A—and the detailed information about employers, which reveals much about local life and industry.

If you'd like to explore your own family's return, in a friendly group, you're welcome to join one of the Thursday sessions in the **St. Mary's Parish Bungalow**, after daily Mass. To book a place, please email mjneleven@gmail.com to book a place.

Mary Jackson
21 April 2026



Climate Ambassador, Lara, with An Taisce, is holding a clothing swap event for local parents to trade children and baby clothes in Lucan Library, on the 13th of June, from 1pm-4pm.

Further information (tickets are free) - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator>



The Big Clean-up! Our Tidy Towns group will be very busy this Saturday, as they join the National Spring Clean-up event, in Lucan Village from 10am to 12 noon.

All comers welcome to give a hand!!!!



The Bandstand! For a moment, Birdie thought it was a new Birdie Hotel, but no, a new Bandstand appeared on our Village Green this week. I wonder what the old lady (*the Methodist Church*), in the background, thinks of all the goings on!!!

Did you know that the actual Village Green site was at one time part of the Methodist Church land. It became separated when a new road was built giving access from Main Street to the 12th Lock on the Grand Canal, many years ago. Locals will often refer to what is now called the Adamstown Road, as the Lock Road.

Congratulations to Lucan I.C.A. on celebrating their 60th Birthday this year. They are one year older than Lucan Newsletter!

Bloom time on the horizon! It's that time of year again when *Super Garden* comes to our screens, in preparation for Bloom in the Park 2026. We'll be watching RTE every Thursday evening, as a warm-up for one of our favourite events.

The Ryder Cup! Safe to say, we'll hardly make it to this big golfing event, given the price of tickets this year. We'll have to be content with watching our heroes on TV. Hopefully, it will bring in big bucks for the country.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Cairn Homes Grow Your Career: Some of our TYs along with the guidance department attended the Cairn Homes Rig in Lucan CBS. The students learned new skills such as welding, bricklaying, and wiring circuits.

Careers Night: Career's Night on March 26th was a great success with over 30 speakers from various professions generously giving up their time to speak to the students about their area of expertise. There was also a Career Fair attended by all the Universities and Colleges in the Greater Dublin region. In addition, Lucan Guards were present as well as the ESB Networks to talk about apprenticeship opportunities. Thanks to the Guidance department in the school and the Parents Association for organising such a great night.

Cooking Demonstration:

TY Event Management and the Home Economics Department invite you to our free cooking demonstration partnered with Thermomix. It promises to be a great evening with a live food demo, masterclass on how to cook dishes in minutes using the Thermomix and lots of delicious food samples.

Details - Thursday 23rd of April at 7pm
St Joseph's College Lucan

Flag Day 2026: A huge thank you to everyone who took part in and supported Flag Day last Friday. It was a great day of celebration of the Irish Flag and all the nationalities in the school that make our school community brilliant. Our fundraiser for the Gaza Appeal is going really well top date. A massive thank you to all the students who contributed and to all the staff who baked, bringing in treats from their many countries as part of the bake sale to raise money for the charity. A massive well done to Ms. Bligh for all her hard work in the organising of such a big event in the school and also to our wonderful TY and 3rd Year Flag Day Committees for organising all - we hope everyone enjoyed it!

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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan

Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Happy 60th Birthday to Lucan ICA

We would like to wish the ladies of the Lucan ICA a very happy 60th Birthday this week! The ICA ladies have been visiting St. Joseph's College every year since 2011/12 to teach the Transition Year students the craft of crocheting! Over the last 15 years, so many students have enjoyed meeting the ICA ladies for the crocheting workshop where they shared stories, learned a skill for life and made great friendships too. What started with 12 TY students in 2012 has grown to 80 TY students learning to crochet this year! We look forward many more years ahead! ☺



Nuala Corbett, Aileen Breheny & Pauline Bligh with TY students at the first Crocheting Workshop in 2012

Coláiste Phádraigh

Careers: Last week, our school welcomed back the Cairns Training Rig for a four-day programme supporting practical, career-focused learning. Set up in the senior yard, the mobile unit quickly became a hub of activity, offering students valuable hands-on experience in construction and engineering trades.

All Transition Year students and 5th Year Construction Studies classes took part, rotating through 45-minute workshops in small groups led by industry professionals. This format encouraged active participation and gave students a clear insight into the skills required across a range of trades. Despite minor technical issues early on, the programme ran smoothly and proved highly worthwhile.

The rig provided a realistic workshop environment, complete with professional tools and interactive stations. Students explored areas such as plumbing, where they learned about modern heating systems and sustainable practices, and bricklaying, which highlighted the precision and craftsmanship involved. Carpentry sessions demonstrated timber framing techniques, while electrical workshops focused on renewable energy, including solar technology.

A standout feature was the innovation station, introducing students to emerging trends like 3D printing, modular construction, and drone surveying. The virtual reality welding simulator was particularly popular, allowing students to practise skills safely before progressing to real equipment. Students also gained important information about apprenticeship pathways and career progression. Overall, the return of the Cairns Training Rig was a significant success and a welcome addition to the school calendar.

Basketball: Hard luck to our 1st yr basketball team, who were narrowly defeated 51–46 by St. Fintan’s HS, Sutton in the East Boys League “A” Plate Final last Wednesday, held in the Oblate Centre, Inchicore.

St. Fintan’s made a strong start, taking control in the opening 1-4 to build a 17–9 lead. The introduction of the talismanic Nathan Adjinakou in the 2nd 1-4 proved to be a turning point. His energy and scoring ability inspired a superb Lucan response, as the team surged into a 27–21 lead by half-time.

The second half was a closely contested affair, with both teams exchanging scores throughout. Sutton gradually chipped away at the deficit before edging ahead in the closing minute.

Despite several late attempts, including near misses from three-point range, Lucan were unable

to regain the lead as Sutton held firm to secure victory. Nathan delivered another outstanding individual performance, finishing with an impressive 30 points. While the result did not go our way, the team can be very proud of their efforts and their excellent campaign overall

Soccer: Congratulations to our Senior Soccer team on a thrilling victory last Wednesday that has secured their place in the Dublin Metropolitan League Division 1 Final. The team produced a dramatic 3–2 win over St. Paul’s College, Raheny in a tense and exciting semi-final clash. While it may not have matched the goal 11-goal tally of their high-scoring 1-4 final encounter against St. Benildus College, this game delivered no shortage of drama.

Trailing 2–1 as the match entered stoppage time, the team showed incredible determination and composure under pressure. Matthew McEvoy levelled the game from the penalty spot, before Mark Horan struck a last-gasp winner with virtually the final kick, sparking scenes of celebration. Earlier, Sean Connell had opened the scoring with a well-taken goal. The team will now prepare for the final, where they will face either Castleknock CC or Templeogue College.

Hurling: It has been a busy and successful period for our school’s hurlers, with several students representing Dublin across multiple grades.

At Minor level, Derry Ware, Henry Greene, Aidan Doyle and Jack McCarthy featured on the Dublin panel that defeated Wexford 2:14 to 1:14 in their opening Leinster Championship match in Parnell Park on Saturday.

At U20 level, 6th yr student Killian Costello played his part in impressive wins over Meath and Laois during the Easter break, making a strong impact off the bench against Laois. Former student Conor Dillon has also featured prominently in the games.

Meanwhile, Michael O’Brien and James Duffy were part of the Dublin U19 team that claimed the Leinster League Hurling title with a 3:21 to 3:16 win over Kilkenny last week, with Michael contributing an important two points.

Fundraising: The Coffee Morning and Wear Red Day, organised by Ms. Smith and TY Rice before Easter, was a great success and a fantastic display of community spirit. Thanks to the support of students, staff, and parents, a total of €1,320 was raised. Approximately €220 will go towards a child CPR training manikin for the school, supporting future life-saving training. The remaining funds will be donated to the Irish Heart Foundation. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

ADULT EVENTS

**Lucan Library
 Classic Film Club**
**Tuesday 28th April
 from 5.30
 All welcome.**



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!

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

Musical Tots with Karen! Tuesday 28th of April: Switching to Tuesday at 10.30 just for April.

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.

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, Doddsboro – 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



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



My Open Library is a unique service that offers **extended Library opening hours** by allowing access to registered My Open Library members **outside of staffed hours.**

How does it work?

- You must go through an **induction** with staff before you can register for MOL.
- Once registered, you can **scan your library card** at the door to enter the library during My Open Library Hours.
- My Open Library will let you enter the library between **8am and 10pm** every day – even Bank Holidays.



APRIL EXHIBITIONS

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



Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a welcoming, vibrant club helping people to improve their public speaking, communication and leadership skills in a structured and supportive environment. Whether you want to present confidently at work, speak comfortably at a family event, or simply challenge yourself in a safe space.



Our next meeting takes place:

Thursday 7th May 2026

7:45pm-10pm

Springfield Hotel, Leixlip. W23 W280

Who Is It For?

Lucan Toastmasters attracts a diverse mix of members, including:

✓ Community Members

- Individuals who want to overcome fear of public speaking
- People looking to meet new friends in a positive environment
- Anyone wishing to grow personally and challenge themselves

✓ Professionals

- Those preparing for presentations, interviews or new roles
- Managers seeking stronger team communication
- Entrepreneurs pitching ideas

✓ Students & Early Career Professionals

- Building confidence speaking in groups
- Developing leadership skills early
- Preparing for job interviews

We meet twice per month, on the the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the [Springfield Hotel, Leixlip](#) at 7.45pm. Admission is free for new guests and there is no obligation to speak.

Come along next **Thursday 7th May**, where a warm welcome awaits you!

Visit our website www.lucantoastmasters.com or email vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest. You can also follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#)

Carers & Toddlers Group

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



All Welcome!

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Friday 8th May 2026 @ 8pm in
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club
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Olivia Merriman Founder of the
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Finding Comfort & Connection Through Grief
A Supportive Space for Those Experiencing Ambiguous Loss
• A loved one with dementia or serious illness
• Addiction
• Entrapment from Family (Other families receive abuse or harassment)
• 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
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Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 16th April lotto jackpot of €10,200. The numbers drawn were **12, 14, 15 & 16. Lucky dips** go to Roisin Sweeney, Bridie Burke, Paul McGann, Luke Walsh, Catherine Morrissey This week's Lotto on Thursday 23rd April will be for a jackpot of €10,600.



This draw is sponsored by Dual Printing Ltd and will be led by Josephine Donohue. 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.



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.



Féile Weekend

Lucan Sarsfields Féile Weekend Report

What a great day for our Féile boys' team on their Plate Final win. A solid performance from start to finish, with plenty of hard work and teamwork on show throughout the day. Credit to the players for their effort and determination, and to the coaches, mentors, and parents for all the support along the way. Well done lads, enjoy it.



We're not done yet with Féile action... not even close This weekend, Lucan Sarsfields proudly hosts Féile Hurling Finals Weekend at the 12th Lock, with games throwing in from 10am on Sunday morning.

Even better, we have skin in the game — with Lucan teams competing in both the Division 2 and Division 8 semi-finals as they battle for a place in the finals and a shot at Féile glory! Let's get a big home crowd up the club to support the lads, soak up the atmosphere, and cheer on our teams on what promises to be a brilliant morning of hurling.

Summer Camps

Big dates coming up at Lucan Sarsfields!

LUCAN SARSFIELDS

SUMMER CAMPS

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JULY
 CLUB CAMP 20TH - 24TH
 CAMPA SAMHRAIDH 27TH - 31ST

AUGUST
 CLUB CAMP 10TH - 14TH
 CLUB CAMP 17TH - 21ST
 (BOOKING OPENS 20TH APRIL ON CLUBZAP/QR CODE)

10AM - 2PM DAILY BORN 2014 - 2022

CUL CAMP 13TH - 18TH JULY
 (BOOKING OPENS 20TH APRIL ON CUL CAMPS WEBSITE)

QR code and social media icons at the bottom.

We're delighted to launch our Summer Camps & Irish Camp on April 20th — packed with fun, skills, and plenty of craic. The camp is open to all children that are 4 years of age, and attending primary school, (born between 2014 and 2022)

And that's not all...

Our Cúl Camp goes live on April 30th — always one of the highlights of the summer!

How to book:

Club Camps (Summer & Irish): Book via ClubZap or scan the QR code. Cúl Camps: Book through the official Cúl Camps website. Spaces fill fast every year, so don't miss out!

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.

Bereavement Notices

The death has occurred of **Michael 'Hauleen' McDonagh**, father to Joe McDonagh (Hurling Section). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Joe and the extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Lucan Tidy Town Win Gold:

Congratulations to Lucan Tidy Towns winning Gold in the 2026 SuperValu Tidy Towns. A well-deserved award that reflects the dedication, community spirit, and incredible work to all involved who make Lucan such a beautiful village.

Aderrig Church Awarded €30,000:

Delighted to see Aderrig Church awarded €30,000 under the Community Monuments Fund. This funding will support conservation planning to protect this important local heritage site, while also helping to secure its long-term future and improve public access for the community.

Darkness Into Light:

Don't forget to register. Join us for Darkness Into Light at 4.15am on Saturday, May 9th in St. Catherine's Park. Sign up at www.darknessintolight.ie and select Lucan as your location or register in person at SuperValu Lucan this Friday & Saturday, 12-3.30pm. Let's walk together and support the vital work of Pieta.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

National Transport Authority Meeting:

I met with the newly appointed CEO of the National Transport Authority last week to discuss a number of transport issues affecting Lucan. I was advised that the preferred route for Luas Lucan is expected to be published in autumn this year, an issue I have consistently raised since my election.

I also requested:

Stand-alone bus services for Adamstown and Clonburris. That existing commercial airport bus operators travelling through Lucan be given the option to stop in the area.

Childcare Grants: The Building Blocks Extension Scheme – Phase 2 was announced this week by my colleague, Minister Norma Foley TD. This scheme will provide grants to community.

Advice Clinic: My next advice clinic in Lucan will take place at 1pm in Ballyowen Castle Community Centre on Monday 27 April.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Lucan Community College Extension Delays:

Like others I was disappointed to see the project subdivided into further phases with a modular build scheduled on a smaller footprint, but with other planned sections delayed indefinitely. I secured a lottery slot to raise this as a "Topical Debate" in the Dáil last Wednesday to highlight ongoing issues caused by the delays and maintain pressure. Helen and I will work collegiately with Councillors, opposition TDs and the two Government TDs to progress the building projects as fast as possible.

Dáil Report:

A busy week including contributions on climate action, new nicotine and vaping products legislation, EU issues, competitiveness in business etc. I am also preparing for my rare Private Member's Business slot next Wednesday.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

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April Area Committee Meeting Coming Up:

Next Area Committee Meeting for Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin is live online 3pm Tuesday 28 April, or view recordings <https://sdcc.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

Lucan Transport Issues:

Councillors are still awaiting an update on the "planned" meeting with the NTA. Meanwhile, I compiled transport-users concerns on bus and transport services sent to me during Jan/Feb 2026 and Paul Gogarty TD is using this anonymous feedback in ongoing transport work.

Lucan Issues I Raised:

A new bench I requested at the top of Lucan Hill (Ball Alley) has now been installed beside bus stop. Pedestrian gate between Somerton and SuperValu has opened after sustained follow-up by me. Lighting repairs completed on Lucan Heights Lane, to Dublin Road.

Traffic lights at Tandy's Lane Park now operational after my repeated representations.

Political Notes Cont'd

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Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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Coffee Morning in Support of ARC Cancer Support Centres:

Join us for our annual Coffee Morning to support ARC Cancer Support Centres a welcoming space offering vital support to people affected by cancer. Friday 1st May Kennys, Lucan Village 11:00am. Come along for a cup of coffee, a chat, and a chance to support an important cause in our community. Everyone is welcome. If you can't make it on the day but would still like to support, you can donate here:

<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/vickigeraldine2>

Every small contribution makes a meaningful difference.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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Lucan East Educate Together:

I raised parent concerns at the Traffic Management Meeting. Works completed include a raised pedestrian crossing, relocated speed limit signage, driver feedback and school crossing signs, and raised platforms at an existing crossing. Griffeen Road has an uncontrolled crossing with two school wardens. No further measures are currently recommended.

Lucan House grounds Lucan House will open for public access this weekend. Access initially on a weekend basis over the summer.

Lucan Drama, congratulations to Lucan Drama on another superb production and a completely sold-out run of The Beauty Queen of Leenane last week in Courtney's. I was at the final night and highly recommend their productions — it's always a great night out in Lucan. Well done to the entire cast and crew on a fantastic achievement. Look out for their next production in May.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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I have received enquiries from residents interested in learning more about accessing certain **medical procedures abroad**. I am exploring a local information workshop in Lucan to outline how the process works, travel considerations, aftercare and available options. If interested, please contact me directly.

At the recent Regional Health Forum, I raised healthcare issues affecting Lucan and Adamstown. The HSE confirmed **Adamstown Primary Care Centre** is now operational providing physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, dietetics, public health nursing, child health clinics, wound care clinics and Coombe outreach midwifery clinics. CAMHS services are expected shortly.

I also raised Lucan dental shortages. The HSE confirmed there is currently no HSE dentist in Lucan and no local practice accepting new adult medical card patients under the scheme. I will continue advocating for improved services and a second Primary Care Centre for Lucan.

Metro Dart Other Advantages

With difficulties and delays due to traffic congestion and now a major concern with organises

protests etc, it is essential to provide access around the city avoiding all type of delays.

The Metro Dart link up with standard rail gauge is the ideal solution. Users can go directly to all areas around the city with this link up. This is very important for work around Dublin with this new rail layout, that avoids delays due to unnecessary changing with rail Island common platforms. This is essential to reduce car movements, attract more users and allow more students to commute from home due high rental, particularly for users travelling a long distance. Now more vital with the price of fuel and house scarcity. It maximises all rail lines in Dublin instead of three idle at the present time and not suiting the users. The upgrading of existing Dublin rail lines to Dart is great benefit to the Metro Dart overground network but they must be allowed to join up. It makes no planning sense for all the rail lines to go via the centre when there is now so much work and activities on the outskirts. This is the main element of Metro Dart to take users direct to all areas. With efficiency and EU funding rail directive, the alternative Metro Dart can self-finance, instead of a very costly underground that benefits a very small area.



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“Great minds discuss ideas.
Average minds discuss events.
Small minds discuss people”.

Eleanor Roosevelt.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

First things first. I'm afraid that I should have looked more carefully last week at the photograph of what I described as a person under a big umbrella. It has been pointed out to me that the person is actually carrying a kayak.



This week Joe was in St. Edmundsbury and sent us in photos of four butterflies that are found in Ireland during the month of April. Not being experts, we think that the photos are of the rather ragged Comma, the Common Blue, the Speckled Wood and what is considered the most beautiful Irish species, the Peacock. The website www.irishbutterflies.com is a very useful source of information on Irish butterflies generally.

Josie sent some lovely photos of blooms in her garden.



This year seems to be a year for dandelions. Many members of the Soiree admitted that their gardens are full of the much-maligned plant at the moment. Michael G submitted a photo of the flower head of one from his garden. Dandelions are thought to have evolved about 30 million years ago and they have been used by humans for food and as a herb for much of recorded history. They are one of the most vital early spring nectar sources for a wide host of pollinators so maybe we shouldn't be so ready to mow them down with the lawn mower! The name, dandelion, is a borrowing of the French *dent de lion* meaning "lion's tooth", referring to the coarsely toothed leaves.

Stay safe until next week!