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Sunday 30th August 2026

Welcome to a New Season and a Fresh Start!

September is a fresh start for most of us, regardless of how closely we are connected to schools. As we start, we congratulate all who were candidates for defining school or college exams in 2026. It kicks one into a new space, regardless of results, as the attaining or lack of attaining never feels what one anticipated! Exams are more like markers at the end of a process rather than determinants for what one's future will look like. We all make plans and then real life happens to make life even better in many aspects and challenging in some unexpected aspects. Reality and how we deal with it defines the quality of our lived existence.

While happiness is an empty goal in itself, having a sense of *OKness* and satisfaction with how life lets us know that we are on the right path or not! We are all made to bear fruit in life, to add to the world, to discover our own ever unfolding gifts and to reach peaks of satisfaction where we have the feeling and knowledge that we really are co-creators with God on the path of life.

If we have the feeling that life is an experience of sitting on a painful nail or an experience that we are just in an empty comfort zone rather than giving from the well of ever-new potential, then it is time to re-evaluate and consider change of some nature. I'd prefer to wear myself out doing and being what comes from my core desires and purpose rather than take life as a holiday trying to keep myself comfortable! Research is proving that living fully, passionately and with invested energy with a meaningful purpose not only contributes to longevity and good health, but also to one's personal satisfaction and peace of mind.

As we start this new school year, may we each stand at a well that refreshes us in life so that we may live life with clear purpose. My own well is that of faith and relationship with God who made, loves and sustains me every day. When I pull up the bucket from the well, I find prayer, friendship, an occupation that makes me buzz with ideas, energy and creativity; great parishes and parishioners, super colleagues and wonderful supportive schools and parents with whom I engage....

May we each walk our best path in life as we try to make the journey a great one! We only live once and for a very short time!



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

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open*

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

Wednesday: 2pm - 4pm subject to Team Meetings

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

School Transport Scheme Portal reopens for late applications

You can now submit a late application for the school transport scheme. The scheme is for children who live at least 3.2km from their local primary school, or 4.8km from their local secondary school.

The fees for the school transport scheme for 2026-2027 are:

€100 for a primary school child

€100 for a secondary school child

The maximum fee for a primary school family is €200, and the maximum fee for a secondary school family is €220.

If you apply late, there is no guarantee of a ticket. Your application will only be considered if there are seats available after all on-time applications have been processed.

Late applications will not be eligible for the Remote Area Grant if there is no route available. Read more about the primary school transport scheme and school transport for post-primary students.

Important deadlines for 2027–2028 special school enrolment

If you're planning to enrol your child in a special school or a special class for the 2027–2028 school year, there are important deadlines you need to know.

You must:

Complete the online NCSE's Parents Notify form on the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) website by 1 September 2026
Submit your supporting documents by 15 September 2026 (or as soon as possible after this date, if you're still waiting for a professional report).

The NCSE will review your form and documents, and if approved, you'll get a letter of eligibility. You then need to give this letter to the special school when you apply for your child's place. Find out more about admissions to special schools and special needs education.

Special school and special class places for 2027

The deadline to complete the online Parents Notify form for a special school place in September 2027 is 1 September 2026.

You must upload your supporting documents by 15 September 2026 (or as soon as you can after this date).



Date: Tuesday, 8th September

Venue: Bridge Enterprise Centres - Nutgrove Way, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14T8W2

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow/e/ev-sr8c9-20260908100000>

Time: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Date: Friday, 11th September

Venue: North Clondalkin Library, 1 Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin, D22 E2Y2

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow/e/ev-s4r2p-20260911103000>

Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm



Understanding
Self-Harm

Date: Wednesday, 9th September

Venue: Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, Co Kildare, W23 W280

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow/e/ev-sgcbh-20260909090000>

Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm

Lucan Creative Arts Network

Lucan Creative Arts Network have applied to run events as part of Culture Night this September including an art exhibition of selected works from professional /semi-professional artists.

Preparations are being advanced by the Network, including an open call for the art exhibition in a local venue. This open call will be promoted on our social media and other platforms. For more information on the open call and our other planned events, or to enquire about joining the Network or our mailing list, you can email us at hello.lucancreativeartsnetwork@gmail.com Follow us on Instagram at www.lucan_creativeartsnetwork

People's Art & Craft Fair
Lucan
in
Church of Ireland
Parish Centre
Main Street,
Lucan

**Saturday 5th &
Sunday 6th
September
12pm - 6pm**



Please come along
support local Artists and Crafters,
enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust

Fees for both days for Artists 6ft Stand €60,
Crafters 6ft table €60

Contact: peoplesartlucan@gmail.com

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great holiday. We are be back on **10th September**, rearing to go.

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

We meet in **St. Andrew's Parish Centre**, Main Street, Lucan, on **Thursdays at 11.30 am**.
New members always very welcome.

The No Name Club

are looking for volunteers interested in helping create a safe social space for young people, 15 – 18 years of age in the Lucan area. Volunteers would be required to give up 2 hours, one evening a week.



As a National Organisation No Name Club encourages young people to build their confidence, grow in self-esteem, and develop their personalities in friendly, safe environments.

You can find out more detail about No Name Club on our website, www.nonameclub.ie, reach out to admin@nonameclub.ie or feel free to contact Ethan directly at ejordan@nonameclub.ie or 087 217 2490 and he will be delighted to tell you more about you more about how No Name Club operates in different areas.

Lucan Senior Citizens

On 5th August, we said goodbye to our friend, Freda O'Reilly. Freda was a lovely lady who worked on our committee for many years. We remember her for her gentleness, kindness and generosity. We have lovely memories of Freda, Prim, Tess and Carmel working together. They were a great team.



We send our sincere sympathy to Siobhan, Imelda, Sinead and Bernard.

Wednesday 9th September: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our members back, safe and well. New members welcome!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon,

NO 7PM MASS – 30th August

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Normal times resumes from 1st September at 10am, Monday to Saturday.

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

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

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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

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

Baptisms in St Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster September 2026

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



Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, we ask God to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

We pray together for peace in the world and defeat of evil, for those who are unwell, worried, depressed, or grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who no longer believe or practice the faith, that they will find again God's infinite love and mercy.

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Dolores Kelly**, Kew Park, to the wife, family and friends of **Anthony Sturgess**, Edmundsbury Court, to the family and friends of **Jack Kenny**, Cherbury Park, to the family and friends of **Freda O'Reilly**, Sarsfield Park and to the wife, family and friends of

Trevor Higgins, Mt Andrew Crescent.
May they rest in peace.



YOUNG ADULTS LUCAN

Faith • Community • Formation

FAITH
Rooted in Christ and nourished by the truth of His Church.

COMMUNITY
Growing together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

FORMATION
Equipped to live our faith with purpose and joy.

YOUNG ADULTS LUCAN
FIDES • COMMUNIO • FORMATIO

WE MEET TWICE A MONTH.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
St Patrick's Church, Esker, Lucan
7.30 pm
FOCUS: THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
St Mary's Pastoral Centre, Lucan
7.30 pm
FOCUS: CATECHETICAL DISCUSSION

Young Adults aged 18–35 years

Come as you are. Leave renewed. Bring a friend.

Next Meeting Thursday 3rd September

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.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.
Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.
Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje is suspended until Thursday 15th October.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Mass resumes at 10am from 1st September, Tuesday to Saturday.

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: After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.



Anam Cara is very pleased to announce our first

Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings.

As part of our commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This event is the first, hopefully of many, of that commitment. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to bereaved adult siblings over 18.

This event will take place online on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm.

We are joined by an exceptional panel of local organisations and experts in sibling bereavement.

Michelle Hartnett is a senior play therapist, systemic practitioner, and bereavement specialist currently working with **LauraLynn**, Ireland's Children's Hospice

Anna May is founder of **The Student Grief Network** and Executive Head of Grief Programmes at Kaplan International.

We are also joined by **Childhood Cancer Ireland**, **Jacinta's Smile**, and **Rainbows**.

Bereaved parents and adult bereaved siblings are warmly invited to register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/of6t-RhtRju5bzN9fQuIVQ#/registration>

Birthday Remembrances

Raymond Carey 60th Birthday, 31st August

Of a much loved son, brother, uncle
and granduncle Raymond.
Late of Beech Park

Forever Young

With a nature you could not help loving Ray
And a heart that was purer than gold
We will always remember your beautiful smile
Your memory will never grow old
So on your 60th Birthday Ray
There is something I wanted to say
Happy Birthday, we love and miss you
And we will all meet again someday
*Miss you and love you so much sweetheart,
your heartbroken Mam, brothers, sisters,
nephews, nieces, grand nephews and nieces.*
Xxxx



Maureen Lally 89th Birthday

The calendar still marks the date,
A day we used to celebrate.
But now you spend your day above,
Surrounded by celestial love.
I raise my eyes up to the sky,
With tears I try so hard to dry.
No gift can match the life you gave,
Or match the memories I save.
Happy Heavenly Birthday, Mum,
Until my own time chooses to come
Happy Heavenly 89th Birthday Mam.
*From your loving daughter Joyce, son in law
Mark, grandsons Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew
and great grandson Ollie.*
Sending love on the wings of a dove.



Maureen Lally

If we could write a story,
it would be the greatest ever told
of a kind and loving mum
who had a heart of gold.
We could write a million pages
but we still just couldn't say
how much we miss and love you mum
since you went away
Always remembered in our hearts



*Greatly missed by your loving daughter Debbie,
son-in-law Peter and grand- daughters Niamh,
Karla and Aine xxx*

Anniversaries

Robert (Bobby) McCabe, 46th Anniversary, 24th August 2026

Late of Sarsfield Park.
*Sadly missed and loved always by Catherine,
Robert, Anne, Eileen and their families.*

Seán Cyril McHugh 3rd September 2017

Always remembered
Never forgotten
*By your loving wife Mary, daughters, sons
and 16 fantastic grandchildren.*
**Mass at St Mary's Church, Lucan
at 12 noon on Sunday 30th August.**

Cemetery Sunday Esler, Lucan

Mass for the Dead Will be celebrated
THIS Sunday 30th August at 3pm
(Weather permitting)

For the blessing of graves

We ask families to bring a
small container of Holy
Water.
The priest will give a general
blessing of graves from the
altar and then you can bless
your own graves. Holy Water
will be available at the Altar.



*Cemetery Collection will be in aid of St Francis
Hospice Blanchardstown*

Looking for Wool

A couple of ladies continue
to knit hats and scarfs for the
children of North Albania
through the Heart and Hand
Foundation.



So if you have any leftover wool, you do not want
anymore, please leave it into St Mary's Parish
Office and they will contact the ladies to collect.

Thanks to all those who have already donated.

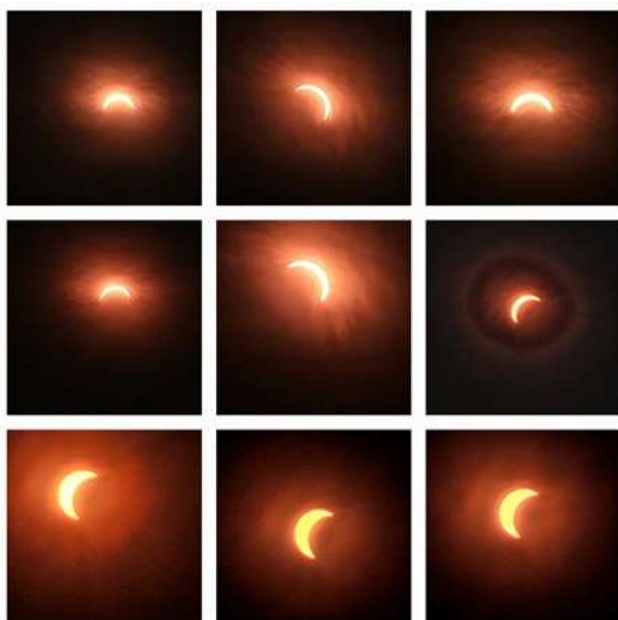


Back after the break....

Birdie, all bright and bushy tailed, is looking forward to the **Lucan Festival** this coming week. Hopefully the weather will oblige, and we'll all have a lovely time....

Congratulations to the Leaving Cert Students who received their results last week, and by now the CAO offers are on the go. Us elders know by now, that there is a path in life for everyone, sometimes a very surprising path!

Best Wishes to all the Little People starting out in Big School at this time, and also to all those returning after the Summer holidays. All looking fit and healthy after a beautiful Summer!



Solar Eclipse! Seems a while ago now, 12th August, that we were all being treated to a solar eclipse. Some Lucanians headed for the Phoenix Park that evening, and arrived home with the above photos, taken by a young man by the name of **Thomas Rick**, who was only delighted to share his pictures with others present on the evening. Apparently, he held the special glasses in front of his phone, and hey presto!

Lucan Weir! It's the end of August now, and we await with baited breath!

Items held over! Thank you all so much for poems and articles sent in over the holiday break. Unfortunately, we can't fit everything in this week's issue, but will keep them on hand for further editions.

And we were thinking we'd be short of articles.....

Clouded Yellow Butterfly

Ireland has 31 resident species of butterflies and a further 3 that are migratory. The three are Red Admiral, Painted Lady and Clouded yellow. Most years we will have the Red Admirals and generally Painted Lady but not guaranteed and Clouded yellow are quite intermittent.



However, every so often the yellows arrive in big numbers and among butterfly enthusiasts it is known as a Clouded Yellow Year, this year is one of those. They are a butterfly of central and southern Europe where they are common. When they arrive in Ireland, they can usually be found along the south and south east coast line but in a year such as we have now, they will push further inland and up the country. Double figures have been counted this summer in County Wexford with a count of 39 in a small area of coastal fields in early August. With this in mind I searched the grasslands in St Catherine's Park and found one of these butterfly yellow marvels feeding along a section of uncut meadow which consisted of good amounts of red clover and knapweed. So, they have officially reached Lucan.

It doesn't reveal its real beauty however until you have seen the black and yellow pattern of the upper side of the wings and this can be difficult as it is a fast-flying butterfly and when it does land it immediately folds its wings only displaying the underside. They have been witnessed mating around the country so all going well a new generation will emerge and they will be seen into late autumn.

Sean Geraty

FOUND

Gold Band Ring was found in St. Patrick's Church. It is inscribed on the inside so easy to identify, possibly a wedding ring. Please phone during office hours 01 6281018.

Tues 1st

Visit to Shuckleton (new road)

BOOKING: CANCELLED

Meet 10.30am at entrance **FREE**

Lucan Diaries

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

6.30 pm LUCAN LIBRARY **FREE**

Tues 1st - Thur 3rd

Chess Tournament

Ballymount Community Centre 7pm

FREE

Weds 2nd

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a

panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Walking tour of historic Lucan

Village **FREE**

2.30pm Bus stop opposite Circle K

Cells and Crazie

8pm St Andrews Parish Centre **FREE**

Sip, Paint and Social

Kennys Pub 8pm. Booked:

creativecountryside@gmail.com

Thurs 3rd

Visit to Shuckleton (new road)

BOOKING: CANCELLED

Meet 10.30am at entrance **FREE**

Linens & Iron Mills of Lucan

Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne

6.30 pm Lucan Library **FREE**

Open Mike Night

"THE STAGE IS YOURS"

Lucan Drama

Courtesy, 8pm **FREE**

Book: linkinoflucanrama

Lucan Festival

1st - 6th September 2026

Sunday 6th

from 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Garda Open Day

Station open to the public from 2pm.

Garda Band, fingerpicking, Garda Horses, see the Cells, Garda Water Unit.

Historical display of Garda Memorabilia.

Local groups and business's stalls

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kenyva)

Pet Farm and Puppet Show (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carrilla Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Model Railway Exhibition in Methodist Church

World renowned Duck Race on the Griffin at 4.30pm

International and Irish food Stalls

Local Community Groups

Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

Craft Stalls

Dogs must be controlled by owners

This is our Family Fun Day

The Village will be closed to through traffic from Anderson

To the Permanent TSB from 10am to 7pm

Most events are free

Fri 4th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a

panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Sat 5th

Lucan House Grounds (12.30 - 9.30)

Annual fund raising day. Gates open

from 12.30.

Entrance from Main Gate (Main Street)

to see the magnificent 1772 Lucan

House with an exhibition

of its history and interiors.

HOUSE CLOSED

Vicary Family Cemetery, Sandfield

Monument, 12th Bath House

and early 1700s Stables to see.

Childrens entertainment with Wild

Road, Walking Dinosaurs, Chinese

Lions, Big Dig workshops, find treasure

outside etc.

Irish Diagonals display of 17th century

soldiers, market and cannon firing.

Many displays of local organisations.

On Stage Music throughout the day in

9pm with local groups.

Free samples at the International Food

Fair in the Stables yard.

On entry you will receive a wristband

which allows you to enter, leave and return

throughout the day from 12.30 to 9pm.

Spectacular fireworks Display at 9pm/9pm

For safety reasons attendance will be

confined to 4,000 wristbands,

when this number is reached no new

entrants will be allowed in.

ADMISSION: £5 CHILDREN 12

AND UNDER FREE

NO DOGS EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS



Aontas Philippines Volunteering Mission Trip Report

Following 2 years of fundraising Aontas Choir embarked on their trip to the Philippines. A group of 16 made up of 11 members and thankfully some friends and family of the group departed Dublin on the 14th July for our volunteering mission.

Following 18 hours travel from Dublin Via Abu Dhabi we landed in Manila. No time was wasted and prior to checking in at our hotel we went on a bus tour of the city. We took in sites such as Rizal Park, the Intramuros which is the 16th century walled city built during the Spanish colonial period. It houses famous landmarks like Fort Santiago and the San Agustin Church which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We had lunch in a local restaurant where we had our first taste of Filipino food which was thoroughly enjoyed by most of the group. We then went to the Savoy Hotel where the group relaxed before our early start the next day.

On the 16th July prior to travelling to the Preda Foundation we were honoured to be joined for a Celebration of the Eucharist with Archbishop Charles Brown who currently serves as the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines. The mass was held in St. Thérèse of Lisieux on the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel. The local parishioners provided refreshments following the mass which gave us a chance to have a chat with Archbishop Charles who gave us some tips to aid our onward travel.

We departed Manila at 11am to travel to the Preda Foundation in Olongapo which is roughly a 3 hour bus journey. We had a quick pitstop in Jollibee which for some of the group was a life saver. We won't mention our fussy eater. Before we arrived to Preda we stopped at Subic Bay for about 15 minutes and in the distance we were able to see the Naval base which was the reason for the formation of Preda as there were a large number of women and children who were exploited by personnel from this base which is now closed with the hard work of Fr. Shay.

We arrived in Preda and settled in to our accommodation which was the first original children's home setup by Fr. Shay Cullen who is a Columban Missionary from Ireland. We had an induction to give us an insight into Preda prior to visiting the children.

The following day the CEO who works closely with Fr. Shay accompanied us on our visits to the boys' home, girls' home and the indigenous community. At the boys' home we heard the story of two of the residents and it was quite sad, but on the upside all the children were so happy and well cared for there.

We then went to lunch and from there visited the girls home where they range between the ages of 2 to 18. Aontas engaged in fun and games with the girls in the home there. After that we visited the indigenous school where we took part in a feeding programme. We dished up bowls of food and distributed to the many children there. We met with the farmers who take care of the plantations largely mangos which is the main source of income for Preda.

From Preda we flew from Clarke International Airport to El Nido for a bit of down time where we had the luxury of travelling to various lagunes and had some time to swim and kayaking and enjoy some nice food and fun together.

On the 21st July we flew from El Nido to Cebu Airport where we had a 6 hour layover and decided yet again to waste no time. We visited the National Museum of the Philippines and then we went to the Basilica of Sto Nino where the group took time for some prayer and reflection. We then headed for the airport where we were joined by our own auxiliary Bishop Paul Dempsey who joined us for the last leg of our volunteering mission.

We flew to Tacloban where we greeted by a large number of delegates from the Mayor's office in Jaro-Leyte, Tacloban. We had a quick stop in Robinsons supermarket to get some supplies and groceries. From there we were transported to Jaro which was to be home for the remainder of our trip. It certainly was home from home by the excellent way we were fed and watered for the duration of the time there.

As there was 19 of us at this stage we split into 2 groups where both had a full itinerary. We visited many elementary schools where we facilitated workshops on St. Brigid and St. Patrick. We taught the children how to make St. Brigid's Crosses and also leprechauns which were displayed on the walls of the classrooms. We were able to do some Céilí dancing which was a big hit with the children and they gave us a performance of traditional Filipino folk dance. The children were delighted with the colouring sets which we were able to provide from the fundraising fund which is largely down to the support of the parishioners and friends of the group.

On the 2nd day we were invited to meet Archbishop John F. Du at this residence where we were formally welcomed for breakfast with himself along with local clergy in particular Fr. Rommel from St. Mathews. We addressed the clergy and spoke about how the group was formed and how we fundraised to make the trip to the Philippines. We then visited the private chapel of Archbishop John Du where we engaged in some quite prayer. On the grounds of the bishop's residence is a nursing/orphanage which is run by Korean missionaries. Following the typhoon in 2013 Pope Francis asked the bishop to

build this home to care for marginalised people affected by the typhoon. We met a couple of the residents while visiting but unfortunately, we couldn't stay long as there were lots of excited hungry children waiting on us to deliver Jollibee to them at their respective schools. The welcome was one of the most overwhelming experiences where every child had made an Irish flag which they waved and cheered as we entered the schools. It's the nearest thing to feeling like a celebrity that we will ever feel.



The group took part in the Horca Clans Nourish to Flourish programme where again we assisted in distributing food to families in need. We also provided oral hygiene kits for the children and a demonstration on the care of their teeth was given much to the amusement of some of the Aontas members and Bishop Paul. There were several speakers on various health and wellness topics provided by professionals which is a vital role to these people.

We visited the Benedicto Horca Senior School where a number of us gave a talk on our various career paths. The most excitement was around our very own now nicknamed Barbie and Ken aka Ryan and Emma. Everywhere we went they got the biggest cheer!!! The group had donated funds themselves to sponsor Aontas Tote Bags which were distributed to the students. Following all our work there was a surprise celebration organised by the Gariando family for our very own Aontas roadie John who was celebrating a significant birthday.

We visited the site of Yolanda Shipwreck memorial park which is where typhoon Haiyan hit. The group had an opportunity to get some photos along the longest bridge which is called the San Juanico bridge which connects Tacloban City in Leyte to Santa Rita in Samar. It was opened in 1973 and is historically known as the Marcos Bridge.

On Sunday 26th July in the parish of St. Matthew we led the 9th youth day celebration in the parish. This year it was attended by many neighbouring parishes with over 300 young people taking part. It was a day of great celebration of faith alive in the young people from both sides of the globe. There was a question and answer session where Moira, Sarah and Fergal, members of Aontas along with Bishop Paul

answered questions about their faith directed by our very own Jordan. Gail and Gelaine led a session of faith in Philippines v's faith in Ireland where despite the distance faith is very much alive amongst the youth in both parishes at home here in Lucan and in Jaro. Jordan and Adam gave us a session on the importance of music in the liturgy (by the way before Pope Leo in the last week or so). They discussed the way in which music should be chosen to align with the liturgy of the day and ways to encourage congregations to join in with the music.

Miriam led us in a beautiful reflection of how best to use our gifts and talents which are treasures given from God which was central to the Gospel reading of the day. We broke into 9 large groups to discuss ways we can use our gifts and talents and what gives us hope as young people in today's world.

Following our talks Adam and Jordan with the help of Aontas

introduced some of the music chosen for the mass to the young people gathered. The mass was attended by around 1000 people where not a seat was to be had in a very large church. There was little or no standing room and a large number of people had to remain outside. Bishop Paul Dempsey was the main celebrant and as always celebrated a beautiful mass with Fr. Rommel. Aontas presented a framed cross which was commissioned by a parishioner in Creeslough and carried through our travels by Fergal and was safely presented to the parish of St. Matthews. They in turn presented each member with a cross replicating the cross used as their youth cross along with Rosary Beads. An occasion that will never be forgotten. A mini world youth day for all that attended.

As a group we have undertaken to provide financial support to 2 children in Preda which costs €113 per month. Many members have donated €5 each and our 1st instalments have already been sent to Preda. Along with this and with the permission of Fr. Bill we are also at a parish level hoping to do a shoe box appeal. Its basic items such as face cloths, bars of soap, toothbrush along with some fun items such as pencils and small colouring sets etc. which we hope to collect mid-September to ship to the Preda Foundation. We would ask that each person along with their shoe box wrapped lid and bottom separately would be accompanied by €5 to put towards the cost of shipment.

Once again, many thanks for all the support from you our parishioners in Lucan, and of course a massive word of thanks and appreciation to all the families who provided the lovely food and hospitality for us throughout our stay in Jaro-Leyte.

Aontas Choir

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.



Private Facebook group;
"Society for Old Lucan (SOL)".

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>

Update on Testing & Campaign to raise funds to C14 Date Ireland's Only Surviving Medieval "Rood" (Crucifix), from Esker

The Society for Old Lucan (SOL) has been asking members and friends to contribute just €5 towards an exciting project that could unlock the secrets of one of Ireland's most remarkable religious artefacts that we have in Lucan- the Esker Rood.

The great news is that on Sat 15 August, Dr. Ellen O'Carroll, Archaeologist, kindly visited St. Patrick's Church again, and took a tiny sample of the Esker Rood for pre-testing in Queen's University, Belfast. We had got this far last year, but sadly, the first sample was contaminated with modern lacquer, and this re-test will hopefully yield better results and a firm date for when this unique survivor was created!



We should know by September if the sample taken yesterday is viable and if we can proceed to get a date from it. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who has already donated to this campaign and we are about halfway there! Donate €5 here: <https://society-of-old-lucan.sumupstore.com/product/donation-to-sol>

We are extremely grateful to Fr. Bill and the Parish Council for granting permission to carry out scientific testing on this extraordinary crucifix.

Why is this so important?

The Esker Rood is believed to be a unique survivor of the religious upheavals and iconoclasm of the 16th and 17th centuries. Remarkably, it is the only known surviving rood in Ireland. A successful Carbon-14 date could finally reveal when it was created and provide invaluable information about an artefact of national significance. To complete the sampling and scientific testing, we need to raise roughly €1,000.

Thank you for your support and we will keep everyone updated on the sampling progress.



Aspen Counselling Services is delighted to support the Lucan Festival 2026 this year. As part of the festival, we will be hosting and

rolling out a series of talks covering a range of topics relevant to our mental health and wellbeing.

Recovery is a Journey with Barry Kavanagh.
2nd Sept. 7.30pm – 9pm.

Managing Stress & Anxiety with Paul Huggard.
2nd Sept. 10am - 11am.

Finding Peace Within with Louise McHale.
1st Sept. 10am – 11.30am.

Have you lost yourself in Parenting? Come back to me! with Yvonne Power. 3rd Sept. 10am – 11.30am.

Behind the Silence, Women, Addiction & Recovery in Ireland with Anna Lloyd. 3rd Sept. 7.30 – 9pm.

Rational Parenting Approaches with Avril O'Reilly. 4th Sept. 10am – 11.30am.

All of the above talks are FREE, with no registration necessary, and will be held at the McKinley School of Dance, Lucan

Eating Disorders in Everyday Life with Fiona Kelly. 1st Sept. 7pm – 9.30pm.

Neurodiversity in the Workplace, with Eimear Kelly and Michael Kissane. 3rd Sept. 7.30 – 9pm.
Both talks are FREE, with no registration necessary, and held at Kenny's Pub, Lucan.

Who Am I Becoming with Joyce Moorhouse.
5th Sept. 12pm – 2.30pm, at Aspen Counselling Services.

To register for this workshop, please contact Aspen Counselling Services reception on 086 853 4391 or email aspenabc@gmail.com.

Lucan Library – September Events

Please Note:

All events and activities are free of charge. All events are subject to change, but we will try to keep changes to a minimum. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. Booking through Eventbrite is essential for all events. Tickets are available exactly a week before the event. Please cancel if you can no longer attend. Non-attendance without cancellation may affect your ability to book future events with SDCC Libraries.

Children's Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Brontannas Festival Am Scéalaíochta Monday 14th, 21st, 28th Sept at 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.
Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group Friday 4th and 18th September at 10.00am. Meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Reflexology for Babies Wednesday 9th September at 10am.

Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs Thursday 17th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm. A fun arts and crafts session.

Musical Tots Saturday 12th September at 10:30am.

STEAM Freeplay session Saturday 12th September 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Cool Food School Friday 11th September 3pm. Suitable for kids from age 5+

Teen Book Club Tuesday 15th September 4-5pm. Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Please register at the library desk.

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

Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Thursday 17th September at 10am.

Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 25th September from 12pm -2.00pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Self-led session suitable for babies and young children.

Adult Events: No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

Lucan Library Knitters Club Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

English Conversation Group: Every Tuesday 2pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Poet's Perch Tuesday 1st September at 6pm.

Adult Chess Monday 7th September 6:30pm.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group Thursday 10th & 24th September at 10am. Whether writing a short piece or a whole book, bring along your work to discuss.



Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle:

Wednesday, 9th September 5:45pm - 7:45 pm, meet the second Wednesday of each month. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. A safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.

“What’s the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 19th September 12pm – 1.45pm. A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 17th September at 6:30pm-7pm. Swap jigsaws/puzzles, meet and chat with likeminded people.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 22nd September from 5.30pm.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Wednesday 23rd September 6pm. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.

Additional Adult Events:

Lucan Festival: Lucan Diaries. Tuesday 1st September 6:30pm, Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne.

Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Lucan Festival: Linen and Iron Mills of Lucan. Thursday 3rd September 6:30pm, Illustrated talk by Joe Byrne. Please book event on Lucan Library

[Eventbrite](#)

Lucan Library Table Quiz: Thursday 10th September 2pm. Test your knowledge at Geraldine’s Table Quiz! Please book in at the library desk.

Morning of Indian Classical Music: Saturday 19th September 10am. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Braveheart And The Art Of Painting The Curragh: Saturday 19th September 2:30pm. Talk in relation to the Braveheart exhibition by Michael Rowley. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Building a retirement fund: Thursday 24th September 6:30pm. Join us for a talk by financial advisor John Miller from Lucan District Credit Union who will give a presentation on building a retirement fund and knowing your options on retirement. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

The Blue Max film showing: Saturday 26th September 11am. Film will start at 11:30am sharp. Book on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Genealogist Consultations: Wednesday 30th September. If you are interested in your family tree or want to get advice on how to start, here is your chance to book a one-to one session with genealogist Ita O’Boyle.

Sessions available from 10am-4pm. Contact the library desk to book your slot from 1st September.

Lucan Community College Night Classes

Autumn term is opening for booking on our website Lucancc.ie. If you would like to meet new people, make new friends and learn a new skill, why not try one of our fun evening classes. Italian, Spanish, Knitting, Crochet, Pilates, Drawing and Watercolours, Tai Chi, Yoga, Gardening, Guitar etc.

Support Group for Mental Wellbeing

If you or someone you know is struggling with: stress, tension, anxiety, anger, fear or sleeplessness, you are not alone!

Recovery Self-help Ireland can help. We offer group support to anyone who wants help to reduce suffering and improve their mental health. The members demonstrate a method by which they deal with the trivialities of everyday life without feeling overwhelmed by them. Why not come along to our next meeting and try the method out. You can bring a friend. The meeting is confidential. Only first names taken.

Every Friday at 8pm, in The Parish Centre, Lucan, beside the R.C. Church.

Phone 01 6260775 or find us at

www.recoveryireland.ie

Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre Company

Limited by Guarantee will take place **Saturday 12 September 2026** at Ballyowen Castle Community Centre at 2pm.

The meeting will be to elect the Governing Board, approve the Income and Expenditure Account for 2025 and appoint Auditors to audit the accounts.

Feel free to contact the centre at

info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

and/or the Centre Coordinator at

stephen@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

with any enquiries, including regarding room hire for events.



Carers & Toddlers Group

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



The Grey Invasion

One hundred years ago did stray,
From Longford town, our band the Grey.

Though not recorded in the history
book,
Unlike Strongbow landing at the Hook.

As east coast yanks we did first breed,
And to spread our species we did
succeed.

So as to the New World you did
emigrate,
To Longford's wedding we shipped in
crate.

The Vikings, Danes and Normans came,
To plunder or pillage or take native
name.

But with procreation we soon did
spread,
Our small red cousin to the forest fled.

Although like Cromwell we to felt so,
To hell or Connacht we would not go.
For there the Pine Marten he would
wait,
And snare our nests like glorious bait.

It's strange now though a century here,
That the natives to us appear not to
care.

With rat and rodent we share nature
sites,
Or ungraciously stuffed, no animal
rights!

Now in the park or on the city street,
Being chased by small dogs, or at your
feet.

At our bushy tail children shout in glee,
As we spring in flight from tree to tree

No artist has put brush to paper,
To record our beauty as we caper.
No postage stamp An Post did print,
Nor Eamon D'Butler charcoal on plinth.

So now like nature we're here to stay,
In Gaelic woodland we gather and play.
Please stare and watch us as we do,
For Ireland now is our home to.

By Gerard Martin



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 20th August lotto jackpot of €17,400. The numbers drawn were **4, 11, 12 & 32**. **Lucky dips** go to Shane Biggs, Claire Haran, Claire O'Neill, Pat O'Keeffe, Joe Leonard. This week's Lotto on Thursday 27th August will be for a jackpot of €17,800. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Josephine Donohue. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Summer Camps - What a Summer!

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our Lucan Sarsfields GAA camps in 2026. A record-breaking year with over 1,000 children attending! Huge thanks to all our coaches, supervisors and volunteers for their time, energy and commitment throughout the summer. A special welcome to all the new faces who joined us. If your child enjoyed the camps and would like to continue playing football, hurling or camogie, get in touch with our GPO Alan O'Neill about joining the club.

And a huge thank you for the continued support of our camp sponsor Keane Windows. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, keep the kids playing! 5–10 minutes with a football or hurley every day can make a huge difference to their skills, confidence and enjoyment.

Get them outside, get them playing and let them have fun!

Upcoming Fixtures

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Team	Competition	Opposition
Saturday	29-Aug	15:30	O'Toole Park	Senior Hurling	Senior Championship G2	St. Brigids
Saturday	29-Aug	18:15	Pitch 1	Inter Hurling	Prem Inter Championship	Naomh Fionnbarra
Sunday	30-Aug	11:00	Pitch 1	Minor A Football	Minor A Championship G1	Raheny
Sunday	30-Aug	11:00	Newcastle	Minor B Football	Minor C Championship G2	St. Finians Newcastle
Sunday	30-Aug	11:00	Away	Minor C Football	Minor E Championship G2	Ballymun Kickams
Sunday	30-Aug	11:00	AGP3	Minor D Football	Minor G Championship G1	Ballinteer St. Johns
Sunday	30-Aug	15:00	Pitch 1	Junior B Hurling	Championship JE G2	Round Towers Clondalk
Sunday	30-Aug	15:00	AGP3	Junior C Hurling	Championship JH South C	Shankill
Monday	31-Aug	19:00	Away	Minor A Camogie	Championship Div 1	Ballydoden St. Endas
Monday	31-Aug	19:00	Away	Minor B Camogie	Championship Div 5	Clontarf
Monday	31-Aug	19:00	Pitch 1	Minor C Camogie	Championship Div 7	Na Fianna
Monday	31-Aug	19:00	Away	Junior B LGFA	League Div 9	Erin Go Bragh
Tuesday	1-Sep	19:00	Away	Junior A Camogie	Junior 3 Championship	St. Vincents
Wednesday	2-Sep	19:00	Away	Inter LGFA	Inter Championship GB	Templeogue Synges Stree
Wednesday	2-Sep	19:00	Away	Junior A LGFA	Championship Jun E GB	Thomas Davis
Wednesday	2-Sep	19:00	Away	Junior B LGFA	League Div 9	Oliver Plunketts OR
Wednesday	2-Sep	19:00	Away	Junior C LGFA	League Div 11	Ranelagh Gaels
Thursday	3-Sep	19:00	Pitch 1	Junior B Camogie	Junior 4 Championship	O'Tooles

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy is Back!

We're delighted to welcome our youngest stars back as the Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy returns on **Saturday, 12th September!**

Our Academy is all about giving boys and girls the chance to get active, have fun, make new friends and enjoy their first experience of Gaelic Games in a friendly and welcoming environment. New players are always welcome! No previous experience is needed — just come along and give it a go. If your child has a friend, neighbour or schoolmate who might enjoy it, bring them along too! The more the merrier. Saturday, 12th September. Boys & Girls Ages 4–7

Our Academy groups will continue at their usual times: 2021 & 2022 — 9am.2020 — 10am 2019 — 11am

A huge thank you to @abcgym.ie for their continued support of the Lucan Sarsfields Academy. Their ongoing backing is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to provide a brilliant environment for the next generation of Lucan Sarsfields players.

So spread the word, bring a friend and come down and see what our Academy is all about! See you all in the 12th Lock on September 12th



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harriers 5-mile Road Race 2026

Author Charlotte Smith



The Lucan Harriers 5-mile Road Race is back, on the 13th of September. Start time is 10am. Run along the beautiful Grand Canal, finish on the tartan track in Lucan. The flat route is perfect for a personal best. With pacers to push you along. The race also incorporates the Dublin 5 Mile Championship.

Each year Lucan Harriers is proud of how great this race is for all levels, from Olympians to the Fit4Lifers, every day to casual runners. Being such a popular race with runners from all over and a crowd full of support. The race is wheelchair accessible, with space for visually impaired runners, and a sign language interpreter, it really is a race for all.

Before the 5 mile begins there's races for 6–16-year-olds from 08:45am, and a 1 Lap Fun Run (All Inclusive Race/Special Olympics) at 09:20am. Medals, refreshments, and goodies for runners.

The marquee will be full of chat, tea, coffee, cake, and most importantly ice cream. The great atmosphere will be amplified by the DJ, and the sound of personal achievement. The race organisers are grateful to their sponsors, for helping make the race possible.



Sign up for the race online from the Lucan Harriers website.



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE



Bridge Classes for beginners commencing on Monday 21st September at Leixlip Parish Centre 8.00pm

Contact Bert or Marian McKay
0879220233 -bertmckay538@gmail.com
0877677548 -email:

mmckay539@gmail.com

Qualified CBAI Teachers

St. Mary's BNS Lucan School Secretary

After an incredible 47 years of dedicated service, Denise Healy will retire from her role as School Secretary at the end of October 2026. Throughout those many years, Denise has been a warm, friendly and positive presence in our school community, serving both the school and the parish of St. Mary's with great commitment and care. The role of School Secretary is hugely important, as the secretary is often the first person a visitor, parent or member of the community meets when they come to the school. Denise has always understood the importance of creating a welcoming first impression, greeting everyone with her characteristic warmth, kindness and professionalism. Her contribution over the past 47 years has been invaluable and she will be greatly missed.

The vacant position is currently advertised on www.educationposts.ie. Anyone interested in applying must submit their application **before 2 September 2026**.

Return to Education Programme

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2025. The Return to Education Programme courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week (with the exception of Spanish for Beginners). This can lead to QQI qualification. [Spanish for Beginners \(Afternoon 2-4pm\)](#), Irish for Beginners, [Introduction to Computers Internet and Email](#), English and Communications, [Career Planning](#),

[Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills](#), [Web Design](#), [Payroll](#), [Customer Service](#), Bookkeeping, [Behavioural Studies](#), Work Experience.

For more details, contact
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POLITICAL NOTES

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Instagram, X and TikTok.

Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Community Sports Facilities Fund:

Thanks to all the local clubs who attended my information session on the Community Sports Facilities Fund in July with Sports Minister McConalogue. If you would like to meet me for further information, please get in touch.

NTA consultation on bus routes for

Adamstown:

The NTA consultation on the new draft bus routes for Clonburris and Adamstown has had the deadline for submissions extended until 4 September. This is something I have been calling for, since being elected, and I am pleased to see progress on the matter, following engagement with the NTA. You can make your submission here: <https://consult.nationaltransport.ie/en/consultation/draft-new-bus-network-clonburris-area>

Ar ais ar scoil: Gach dea-ghuáir ar na páistí nua ar fad atá ag tosú amach ar scoileanna nua an seachtain seo.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

01 618 3013.

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Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

Lucan Festival:

I hope to see many of you at Lucan Festival, Main Street from 1 to 6 September. There's something for everyone, with heritage talks, historical walks, music, food fairs, craft stalls and fun. The weekend programme is packed with attractions including birds of prey, dinosaurs, fireworks, a Garda Open Day, the Griffioen Duck Race and more. See you there!

Back to School:

Good luck to all students returning to school in the coming weeks. Whether it's your first day, a new class or another school year, I hope you have a positive, enjoyable and successful year ahead.

Community Recycle Day:

SDCC and Recycle IT are hosting a free Community Recycling Day on Wednesday 9 September, 10am to 1pm, at the AGPO car park (Lucan Harriers), Newcastle Road. You can recycle mattresses, electrical items and household appliances free of charge.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

(085)2551602. CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Social Media @CarolineBradyLucan

Flooding Pedestrian Lights at Courtenys:

Following my continued representations, SDCC inspected the site and found a blocked drain.

Works to clear the drain and carry out a CCTV survey was scheduled for night work last week to minimise disruption. The survey will help determine if further repairs are required.

Cooldrinagh Water Leak:

Uisce Éireann were on site but did not identify the source of the leak. A further investigation is scheduled for this or next week and will involve excavating the road to locate and repair the leak.

Uisce Éireann Water Leak Reduction

Programme:

Residents may have noticed increased work on the water network across Lucan and Adamstown. This work is to reduce water loss, replace ageing pipes and improve water supply reliability. I encourage you to sign up for local updates and alerts at www.water.ie/water-service-updates.

Is Metro Link Underground That Good



On Friday 31st of July last the Department announced a new Dart rail line from Malahide to Connolly rail station. This was a massive surprise when they are already promoting a Metro link underground from north of Swords that is supposed to be the answer to all our rail problems.

This new line is just a short distance away from the proposed extremely costly Metro Link and beside existing Dart line. At present the Malahide line is overloaded inwards at morning peak, this is without the Metro, the outward line is far from full. If they build the new Malahide line beside existing Dart, the new outward line would be empty at morning peak. This proves that the capacity of the Metro link may not be as great as they are saying. If it was there would certainly be no need for an extra rail line beside existing Dart line.

If this went through, a small area of northeast Dublin would have a wonderful rail service while many other areas that urgently need a rail line would be left waiting when traffic congestion is growing at fast rate in all areas. This is why a rail solution must be carefully looked to ensure it works to its best potential to benefit all areas. Getting it wrong again is not the answer.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 @acratu.com.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

St. Mary's Camera Soiree will resume in the Parish Centre after the summer break on Friday 4th September at 10.30 when it will be full steam ahead preparing for our 14th annual photography exhibition scheduled for 21st and 22nd November.

A photograph that came in after we closed for the summer break was from Anna. She found a chapel that, apparently, is the smallest chapel in Europe. The Costello Memorial Chapel in Carrick-on-Shannon was erected by Edward Costello, a substantial farmer and business man, to mark his devotion to his wife, who died in 1877 at the age of 46. Anna also sent us a lovely photo of dusk in Krakow.



Josie complained that she had only two sun flowers this year, but they are fine specimens.



Donal was in the Limerick area and sent in a photo taken in the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum which recalls when Foynes briefly became the centre of the aviation world from 1937-45. On 9th July 1939, Pan Am's luxury flying boat the 'Yankee Clipper' landed at Foynes to become the first direct commercial passenger flight between

the USA and Europe. Foynes became a vital escape route for European war refugees. If they could secure a seat on a flight in neutral Lisbon, they'd fly into Foynes and await a seat on a flight to America to begin a new life.

Back down-to-earth Donal sent in photos of new greens in the Hermitage Golf Club.

Until next week stay safe!

