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Name What You Value!

There is a false floor in current societies thinking that there is a neutral way of doing things, of living life or making decisions. However, regarding values, there is no such thing as neutral; if we opt for value (a) then we forgo value (b)! When we abandon a conventional value then we automatically select another from a wide range of valuing nothing to attributing what we value to what may be monetary, religious, spiritual, physical, cultural.... How we live is rooted in what we value most with that value found in what we give our time to, our topics of conversation, our very thoughts and investments of all forms.

Parents dig deep into their value system when choosing a school for their children with gender, faith, academics, choice of location.... among some factors reflecting what is most precious in their family and aspirations. We all reflect our values in the manner of which we socialise, in what we place as priorities in our spending, in what we choose as priorities in terms of what is given time... Our local community declares values by its' manner of inclusivity, of investment, in the choice of planned amenities, in the symbols which are displayed and those which are not tolerated.

We have seen the value of ruthless power put to the fore by President Trumps interference in the World Cup, bringing about a most unjust result where a deserved, relatively small, penalty was annulled! The rules were dismissed at his whim and with the permission of those who are meant to protect the players. Organisations sacrificed true sporting values falling at the feet of one who is causing the worst of disruption in world politics, with no regard for the dignity of the innocent humans whose lives are being destroyed. Where was regard for the injured player valued!? Where was the value of the sport reflected?

Every single choice we make; every action we take; every action we don't take; every person we associate with; every commitment we make or disregard.... all point to our values, whither deep or shallow! Only deep values will hold us in times that are difficult or challenging!

In a world where there is little space for quiet and reflection, there is a danger that the constant adrenalin rush will carry us on a floating surface. Consideration of what we belief, don't believe, treasure, enjoy at a heartfelt way directs us towards something which could form a firm root to carry us as individuals, as families, as local communities. The summer season is a good time to pause and give time to considering what we value and how our lives may be held more firmly on those values by our prioritisation in September. Sheep follow one another for safety! We are not sheep – our safety is found at the very core of our own beings with genuine courage and passion driving us towards our best lives, held by acknowledged values.

We each really matter! Our decisions and actions matter and have impact far wider than on just ourselves and more-so than any of us realise! We are not living in a vacuum and are never neutral!

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

Fines for littering

There is litter in a public area near me, who is responsible for cleaning it?

Litter is any kind of rubbish lying in a public place, for example, dog poo or unwanted furniture.

Local authorities are responsible for keeping public places in their area clear of litter. They do this by:

Street cleaning

Providing and emptying litter bins

Enforcing fines

However, if you own or are responsible for a place that is open to the public, you must keep it litter-free. For example, school grounds or public parks.

Am I responsible for cleaning outside my own property?

You must keep outdoor areas of your property that can be seen from a public place free from litter.

How much are littering fines?

Leaving or throwing litter in a public place is an offence. If you are caught, you may be fined.

These fines include:

On-the-spot fines of €150

Up to €3,000 if you are convicted in the District Court.

Up to €600 for every day you continue to litter after a conviction.

Fines of up to €130,000 for causing environmental pollution, and up to €10,000 per day for continuing offences if you are convicted in the Circuit Court.

What is changing?

From 1 September 2026, on-the-spot fines for littering and dog fouling will increase from €150 to €250. The Government is working on bringing these changes into law. You can find more information about these changes at Gov.ie.

Read more about littering and dumping and the new changes at

<https://bit.ly/LitteringAndDumping> or at Lucan CIC.

New customs charge when buying online from outside the EU

From 1 July 2026, if you buy goods online from outside the EU (including from England, Scotland and Wales), you'll have to pay a customs charge on orders valued at €150 or less.

The charge is €3 per item in your parcel.

If your parcel contains multiple identical items, they are treated as one item. For example, 2 identical T-shirts are treated as one item, so you'll only be charged €3.

But, if you buy 3 different items like a notepad, pen and keyring, you'll be charged €9 customs duty (€3 per item type).

Depending on the seller, you may have to pay the charge at checkout or on delivery.

Read more about taxes and duties on online sales on our website.

Changes to how income is assessed for carer's payments

From today, 2 July 2026, the weekly income disregards for Carer's Allowance go up. This means more of your income won't be counted in the means test.

The new weekly amounts are:

€1,000 a week for a single person (up from €625)

€2,000 a week for a couple (up from €1,250)

This change means more people will qualify for the payment, and existing carers who currently get a reduced rate will get a higher weekly amount.

From July 2026, the weekly income limit for Carer's Benefit and carer's leave also increases to €1,000 (up from €625). This means you can earn up to €1,000 a week after tax and deductions and still qualify for Carer's Benefit.

Find out more about Carer's Allowance and Carer's Benefit on our website.

Lucan Senior Citizens

We are delighted to be included in Tesco's Community Fund. Over the next several weeks when you are shopping, please vote for us by using the Blue Tokens.



This year we are celebrating our 40th anniversary providing social gatherings and helping to combat loneliness and isolation.

Thank you for your support.

CHARITY CAKE SALE

Sweet treats for a great cause!



**Join us at 1 Meadow View Grove
on Saturday 11th July, 11am–4pm**

Charity Cake Sale in aid of
The Gavin Glynn Foundation
and the incredible work they do for
children with cancer and their families.

**In memory of James Mulligan
Redmond**

Monster Raffle & Refreshments

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

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: July 12th 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa

Religious Education for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools!

Religious Education Classes and Sacramental Registration for Catholic Children Attending non-Catholic Schools

There are many children attending non-Catholic schools whose parents wish that they receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



In order to do so, the parish has set up Religious Education classes after the school day and on Sunday morning to provide the children/families with the necessary preparation.

It is necessary to participate in a six-year programme from 1st class to 6th class to do justice to the children in terms of preparing them well.

If any parent whose child is in any of the Educate Together schools and St Andrews NS in Lucan intends to present their child for the sacraments, please register for classes at www.lucanparish.com where a link is on the front page for easy access.

Registration for families attending CNS may be accessed at www.lucansouthparish.net via a link on the front page.

Any queries to sacraments@lucanparish.com

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, **NO 7PM MASS**

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

WEEK DAY

Summer Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am.

Confessions:

After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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.

Visits to the housebound:

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

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.

Copies of the book **"Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic faith"** can be borrowed from local public libraries and the main porch in the church. The book refreshes knowledge of the faith and God's Divine Mercy.

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

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

Cuppa:

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



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Ray O'Connor**, Finnstown Abbey. **May he rest in peace.**

St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT

Saturday / Sunday 18th / 19th July.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 13th July

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

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 SUMMER MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration:

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

Confessions:

After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

There will be **NO** Prayer Meeting until September.

Communion for the Homebound:

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

secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Baptisms in St Patrick's:

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

Tea/Coffee:

After 10am Mass will be held on **Tuesday mornings** for the Summer. *All welcome.*

St Vincent De Paul – St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all Masses

NEXT Sunday 19th July

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Mases livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Legion of Mary:

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

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.

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 is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

Bingo:

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

Anniversaries

Bernard Thomas Brady 13th Anniversary, 19th July

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed very dearly.
*Always missed and loved by your loving wife
Margaret, son Colm, daughters Helen, Rebecca
and Valerie, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and
grandchildren xxx. Your brother Michael, sister
Brigid, sister in-law and extended relations and
friends xxx.*



Susan Connolly 11th Anniversary, 10th July

Late of Arthur Griffith Park
A date that is filled with sadness
Returns to us today
To mark the date you left us
In such a sudden way
You left us beautiful memories
Your love is still our guide
And although we cannot see you
You are always by our side
*Always loved and never forgotten by Aidan,
Caroline, Jimmy, John, Caroline, Sandra, Philip,
Susanne, Ray, Kenneth, Helena and Alan.*



Nanny

What we would give if we could say
Hello Nanny in the same old way
Of all the gifts in life, big or small
To love you as our Nanny
Was the greatest gift of all.
*Loved and missed every day by Stacey, Katie,
Erika, Emma, Lara, Rachel, James, Sarah, Kirsty,
Shauna, Hannah, Heidi, Emily, Eva, Sophie and
Leah. And her great grandchildren Daisy, Lily
and Dylan, who she would have loved and
treasured so much.*



Birthday Remembrance

Mary O'Brien 14th July

Birthday wishes to a dear friend in Heaven above.
Always remembered with love,
Sleep tight Kiddo
Phyllis, xx



Acknowledgement

Jack Donovan 1st Anniversary, 11th July

Jack's family would like to thank all those who
attended the funeral, sent messages of
condolences and supported us in any way around
the time of Jack's passing.
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for
all your intentions.

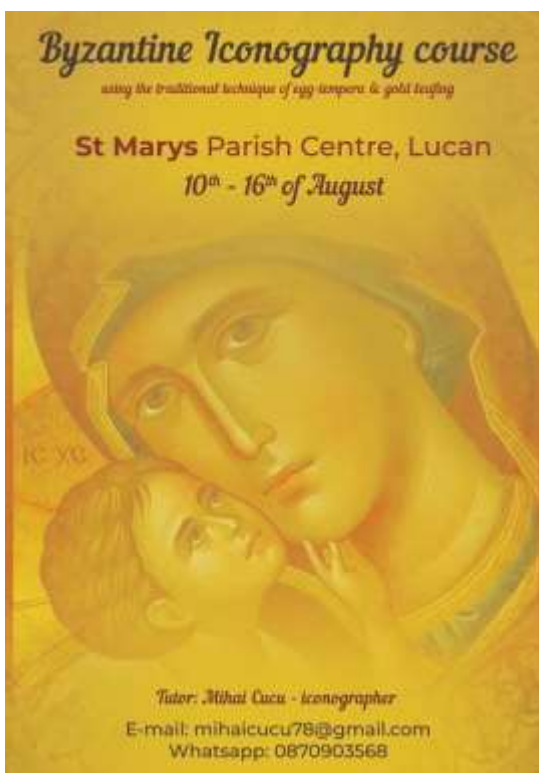
Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 30th August at 3pm
(Weather permitting)

For the blessing of graves,
we ask families to bring a small container of Holy
Water

Holy Water will be available at the Altar

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





One of our team quite accidentally came across an interesting event on Saturday last – **The All Ireland Pipe Band and Drum Major Championships** at St. Catherine's Park.

On a beautiful day, hundreds of pipers from all over Ireland and abroad, competed with each other in several different groupings.



Dublin's St. Laurence O'Toole (*above*), were the big winners on the day, in what was their 8th victory in the Championship which has been running since 1946.



Forty-four bands competed over all the grades, with the valued trophies going to places at home and abroad.



It's not every day that we see bands from Ireland, North and South, Scotland and even the USA, putting on such a show in Lucan, and it really is a pity more locals didn't know about the event, as it would have made a great family day out for so many.



This sign was spotted at Springfield Hotel – a reminder to facilitate the Bees!



Dubs on the go this weekend! All eyes on Croker this Sunday as Dublin Footballers take on Kerry in one of the semi-finals.

Well done to the Dublin Ladies Footballers who triumphed over Cork last weekend, only to meet Kerry Ladies in their upcoming semi-final.

World Cup Exhaustion! That's just those of us staying up late to catch some of the games. Here's an interesting fact following a study by researchers from Columbia University – Staying up late watching matches can lead to weight increase....

Seems some of the heat from the World Cup has reached Ireland

We need to be careful what we wish for!



Congratulations to Katie and Emma Hayden on great success at the *Flavours of Fingal Festival* at Newbridge House, last weekend when they both exhibited their calves. Well done girls!



Salesian College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

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The flowers are in full bloom, the fruits are ripening and we're savouring all the warm sunny days with all the ACRE groups and everyone from our community!

Check out what's been going on around here and what's coming up the rest of the summer.

Calling all local Artists

Want to be our next ACRE Artist in Residence?

The ACRE Project and Kildare County Council Arts welcome applications to the Artist in Residence programme, based in The ACRE Project, Celbridge, County Kildare. Cuireann Tionscadal ACRE agus Seirbhís Ealaíon Chomhairle Contae Chill Dara fáilte roimh iarratais ar an gclár Ealaíontóirí Cónaithe, atá lonnaithe i dTionscadal ACRE, Cill Droichid, Co. Chill Dara.

Professional artists, socially engaged artists, and/or collectives practicing in any art form are encouraged to apply for a 10-month residency (September 2026 – June 2027). The Artist in Residence Bursary Award will support and resource an artist to develop their professional practice and/or develop a specific artistic project, alongside a programme of public-facing

workshops or events to engage communities from the local area.

The ACRE Project Artist in Residence Award will provide an artist with an Artist in Residence Award (€15,000); access to office facilities and workshop space at the ACRE Project; 10-month residency in the ACRE Project's creative space (September 2026 – June 2027), incorporating access to resources for sustained professional development alongside public-facing workshops or events.

The selected artist(s) will develop and deliver a series of workshops or events at The ACRE across the duration of the residency, creating opportunities for a broad cohort of individuals and communities from the wider Celbridge area to engage. Applications are welcome from socially engaged artists and/or collectives practicing in any artform who represent the diversity of Irish society and from artists whose first language is not English.

The ACRE Residency is funded by Kildare County Council Arts Service, as part of its Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme, with grant aid from the The Arts Council / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and the Health Service Executive.

**The deadline for applications is
Thursday 16th July 2026, 12pm.**

Apply here:

<https://kildarecocoarts.submit.com/show/407>

ACRE Lawn Bowling is open for new membership

It's a wonderfully social group and a great way to spend time outdoors, meet people, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon or evening. You can join or renew your membership through the link below:

Become a Member

https://acreproject.com/bowling-club?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_source_platform=mailpoet&utm_campaign=ACRE%20Project%20Summer%20Newsletter%202026



ACRE Project Book Club

Want to get into some good summer reading? Our ACRE Book club is meeting this Wednesday the 8th of July at 7pm and you're more than welcome to join!

For all the details and to confirm a space contact:

Harry@acreproject.com



Faces of Lucan from many years ago....

Some are the people we've heard mentioned in the history of Lucan, and others were part of everyday Lucan.

Lucan residents from the 1700s, 1800s, and early 1900s.....

Col. David Colthurst (*top left*)

From Lucan House, Col. David Colthurst was one of two brothers who funded the new convent in Lucan, following their experiences in the Crimean War. His brother, Robert died before the convent was built, but David saw the project come to fruition.

Mother Mary Conception Kennedy (*top centre*)

Mother Conception was foundress of the Presentation Convent in Lucan. She came from Clondalkin to Lucan on 18th March 1867, the eve of the feast of St. Joseph, hence the name, St. Joseph's Presentation Convent. Though the order were enclosed at the time, she was a tireless missionary worker, and kept diaries on all the happenings in Lucan, much news brought to her by visiting locals. She died from Tuberculosis in 1906, and unfortunately all her belongings including those diaries were burned, as was practice at the time. She was buried in the convent graveyard, and since re-interred in a new Presentation Grave in Esker.

James Hill (*top right*)

The story goes that he rode out to Lucan one Sunday in 1863, and spotted an old derelict Iron Mill, which he purchased, and from there he started Hills Woollen Mills, which were in production until 1988.

Jane and Joseph Shackleton (*second row left*)

When Joseph Fisher Shackleton came to Lucan in 1859, he purchased an old corn mill, known locally as The Devil's Mill. He renamed it Anna Liffey Mills and along with two other mills bought ten years previously (at 12th and 13th Locks), he began what was to become a flourishing industry, which survived into the late 1990s.

Jane Shackleton herself was an avid photographer, travelling all over Ireland, and also to Scandinavia. She photographed and developed her own pictures, many of them Lucan scenes, in her darkroom at Anna Liffey House. A woman, well ahead of her time.....

Elizabeth Vesey (*second row centre*)

Married to The Right Honourable Agmondisham Vesey, who built Lucan House. A lady well known in social circles both here and in England, Elizabeth spent her days in Lucan decorating the house and entertaining many of her friends on the estate. She died in 1791, at the age of 76.

Christopher Ledwidge (*second row right*)

Born at the Old Spa in 1901, Christopher went to England at 13 years of age, joined the British Army, and fought in WWI, and WWII. He lived the rest of his life in Yorkshire with his wife and son. In 1997, at the age of 96, he made a return visit to Lucan for the very first time, and shared his memories of a very poor place – the only way out according to Christopher was to take the boat!

He died in 1999.

John and Anne Byrnes (*bottom left*)

John who was the Gamekeeper in Lucan Demesne, had seven children – one girl and six boys. Five of their sons joined the British army and went off to the war. Only one was lost in battle, the rest of them survived and after the war settled in England, some continuing military careers. Their grandson, Richard, visited Lucan in recent years.

The Speares Family (*bottom right*)

The family lived at Ballyowen House from the 1830s to sometime in the 1860s. The photo was taken in 1860 and shows (*Standing*) – George, Sandy, Katie, Fred and Rachel, and (*Seated*) – Fanny, Richard the father, and John. All of the children were born in Lucan in the 1830s and 40s. John who was born in 1939 became a Minister of the Church of England, and along with his brother Frederick, had a private school at Riwoka, New Zealand, where he died in 1920.



St. Oliver Plunkett

Feast Day 11th July.

Oliver Plunkett was born in Loughcrew, in Co. Meath in 1625. We're told he was educated in Dublin, and studied for the priesthood at the Irish College in Rome, before being ordained in 1654.



It was at a time when Catholicism was outlawed in Ireland, and so, Fr. Plunkett could not return to Ireland until after 1660, when Catholicism was facilitated again, and he became Archbishop of Armagh.

Shortly after, he established a Jesuit College in Drogheda, and it is noted that he spent much of his time keeping the peace between different factions of Irish society.

In 1673, an act was introduced which prohibited Catholics from teaching or holding any public office, making it impossible for his school in Drogheda to function, and forcing the Archbishop to travel incognito around the country.

Eventually, he was arrested in Dublin, and unsuccessfully tried in Dundalk, from where he was transported to London. There a sham trial lasted all but 15 minutes, when he was found guilty of treason, and hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn on 1st July 1681.

St. Oliver Plunkett's head was retrieved from the fire, and brought to Rome. Some 40 years later, it came back to a convent in Drogheda, and in 1921, it was placed in St. Peter's Church where it is to this very day.

St. Oliver Plunkett was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1975.

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)".

Website:

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



SOL WANTS YOUR RESEARCH & INVOLVEMENT!

We are always looking for new people to get in contact with us.

You might have:

- A few old photos of Lucan you'd like to share
- Old Lucan documents, receipts, legal papers, maps etc. you'd like to share
- Stories of old Lucan that you'd like recorded
- Questions about Lucan's history
- A request for a school tour (primary or secondary) or a bespoke tour for your group
- Like to get involved more in some of our project work
- Like to get involved in our research group
- Like to help out on our volunteer tours
- Could volunteer a few hours to help us with our website and socials?

If so, we'd love to hear from you. Email us at oldlucan@gmail.com. Remember, we are all volunteers who are mostly working, so sometimes it can take a few days to get back to you. The only criteria we look for is a passion for history and a commitment to making Lucan a better place!

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS ANY FUTURE SOL EVENTS

Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>



Lucan Library – July Events

Summer Stars

The Summer Stars Reading Adventure has launched at Lucan Library. Register to get your reading card to track progress and once completed submit it to get a lucky dip prize. Book your Summer Stars events here on [Eventbrite](#)



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



Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 21st July from 5.30.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 16th July 6-7pm Pop in to swap jigsaws, meet and chat with likeminded people. Drop off your used jigsaws and pick up a new jigsaw to take home.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Drop in from **6.00pm -7.00pm on 13th and 27th July.** Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

English Conversation Group Wednesday 15th July 11am – 12.30 and Thursday 30th at 6.00pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Additional Adult Events

To Ireland with Love: Thursday 16th July 11am a music show that celebrates integration, culture and community. It features a Ukrainian women's choir, live instrumentalists (piano, flute, and guitar) and a special guest Dutch vocalist. The programme includes a newly composed original piece dedicated to Ireland, alongside songs in multiple languages reflecting themes of belonging, gratitude and shared cultural identity. The event is designed to be accessible and engaging for all ages and encourage connection and inclusion. Booking on Eventbrite

NEW: Ciorcal comhrá 8th July to 26th August every Wednesday 2:30-3:30pm our new casual Irish language conversation circle. Running for 8 weeks over Summer it is suitable for everyone. All welcome

Every Monday in July 3pm Storytime

Every Friday in July 2:30-3:30pm Board Games Club Suitable for Ages 9+



Tuesday 21st July 4-5pm New Teen Book Club Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Please register at the library desk.

Children's Events in Lucan Library
Please book events on Lucan Library Eventbrite

17th July at 10.00am: Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Saturday 11th July 2pm STEAM Lego Freeplay

Saturday 18th July at 10:30am Musical Tots



Thursday 23rd & 30th July 3pm Pottery session for children. Must be able to attend both weeks. Summer and the sea hand building pottery.



Tuesday 28th July 5pm: STEAM Session: Circus Skills Run away to the Circus with Aisling. Learn how to juggle, spin plates and ribbon poi. For ages 8+



Booking on Eventbrite essential.

Neurodiverse Events:

Friday 24th July from 12noon-2.00pm: Sensory Space. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Suitable for babies and young children.

Adult Events in Lucan Library. Regular Events: No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

Saturday 18th July, 12pm – 1.45pm. “What’s the Story”

Writing Club! 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.



Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome!
Lunchtime Book Club:
Monday 27th July at 12pm.
Wednesday 29th July at 7pm.



EXHIBITIONS



Edna O'Brien The Life and Times

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.

The following subjects are available this term:

[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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LOST

[Plain Gold Link Chain/Necklace](#) was lost in Lucan, possibly Kew Park or Lucan Supervalu areas on Monday 6th July.

Reward offered for its safe return, contact 087 4143079.



Curiosity!

President Patrick Hillery and a train!

In *Foster's Iris Oddities*, by Allen Foster, is an entry regarding a train presented to the President on 7th June 1978.

It seems that the producer of the film, *The Great Train Robbery*, gifted the 15 carriage train, used in the film, to the Irish President, when filming in the National Film Studios in Bray, was completed.

Princess Grace and Prince Rainier of Monaco, where present also, and Patrick Hillery's words were: "What does one say when one is given a gift of a train?"

Wonder where that train is now! If anyone knows, do drop us a line.

From the same source as above.....

Donough O'Carroll, a soldier with King James II, raised a cavalry troop consisting entirely of his 30 sons.

Bet it was a quieter household when that lot were gone.....



@AONTASCHOIR

If any parishioners would like to follow the Aontas Choir while volunteering in the Philippines, all can be seen on Instagram and Facebook by simply searching for Aontas Choir.

They will have daily updates on both platforms.

See attached QR code for our Instagram.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 2nd July lotto jackpot of €14,600.

The numbers drawn were **2, 5, 18 & 21.**

Lucky dips go to

- Mary Flannery
- Jackie Foley
- Norma Shanahan
- Stephen O'Shaughnessy
- Deirdre Deegan.

This week's Lotto on Thursday 9th July will be for a jackpot of €15,000.

This draw is sponsored by Diamond and Gem Jewellers and will be led by Gerry McAndrew. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Summer Camps

Our club summer camps are filling up fast, let's not leave it till the last minute and book your spot before it's too late!!!

Cul Camps are fully sold out!!

Campa Samhraidh – 8 spots remain



Upcoming Fixtures

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Team	Competition	Opposition
Friday	10-Jul	19:30	Kingswood	Junior C Hurling	Championship JH G2 Sol	St Kevins Killians
Friday	10-Jul	19:30	Setanta	Junior B Hurling	Championship JE G2	Setanta
Saturday	11-Jul	18:30	Clontarf	Inter Hurling	Championship Prem Inter	Scoil Ui Chonaill
Sunday	12-Jul	11:00	Ridgewood Park	Junior A Hurling	Championship JA G2	St. Finians Swords

Dublin LGFA



Let's get out and support our very own Abby, Sophie, Siobhan and Paul and the Dublin Ladies in their All Ireland Semi Final against Kerry. Buy tickets via this link <https://bit.ly/3Tj6r5s>

Admission: Adults €20, Senior citizens / students €10, U18's €5, U12's FREE no ticket required.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Listen in!

Abiola Oyadina, known on air as **DJ Fantastico**, proves that passion has no limits.

Living with cerebral palsy and using a wheelchair daily, Abiola overcomes mobility and vision challenges to host his very own radio show a dream he has carried since childhood.

Join him for AO Dance Mix on **Liffey Sound 96.4FM**, every second Friday from 3pm to 3:30pm, and experience the music and motivation he brings to listeners across the community.



Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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Lucan Youth Fun: It was great to be able to facilitate a visit to the Dáil for some of this year’s group. Despite a traffic delay putting a spanner in the works, we managed to bring most people around. Thanks to everyone for the interest shown.

Dáil Report: Again, highlighted the shortage of Public Health Nurses in Lucan and neighbouring areas with Taoiseach, something really impacting on developmental health checks for children under five. As well as suggesting measures to encourage recruitment I sought a fairer distribution of limited resources, given some areas have relatively higher staffing levels while parents and children in areas such as Lucan lose out more. Also supported Private Members’ motion on community supports for adults with intellectual disabilities and voted to ban hare coursing.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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Public Consultations Open



Variation No. 2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 proposes zoning several sites across the county. At last month’s Special Council Meeting, councillors considered

further proposed changes (**Material Alterations**) to the draft variation. Public consultation is now open until **6th August 2026**. Submissions can only relate to the Material Alterations, associated SEA and AA determinations, and environmental reports. Following consultation, the Chief Executive will prepare a report for councillors for consideration and decision later this year.



Safe School Zone Esker Education Together.

Consultation is open on proposed Safe School Zone measures until 14th July 2026.

The proposals aim to improve safety through new school zone markings, signage and traffic-calming measures. Residents may review the proposals and submit their observations.

Scan the QR codes, or

visit <https://consult.sdblincoco.ie> and

click **Consultations**

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Carers Allowance Threshold Increase:

The threshold for carers allowance means test increased to their highest ever level last week meaning more families qualify. A single carer can now earn up to €1,000 per week & a couple can earn up to €2,000 - a major step towards removing the means test altogether & recognising the incredible work carers do.

Stewarts Care: I was delighted to work with the HSE to secure funding for Stewart’s Care to deliver several summer respite initiatives for children and adults with disabilities.

EU Presidency: Ireland has officially taken over the Presidency of the EU Council. This is a leadership role at the heart of EU decision-making where Ireland will guide negotiations & broker agreements, helping deliver EU policies that affect over 450 million people - a responsibility that reflects our commitment to partnership & progress.

Helen Farrell, Independent

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Update on Love Lucan Social Media Campaign:

The #LoveLucan campaign continues to grow, with many village businesses now taking part. Businesses can still receive free window stickers, leaflets and promotional corribords by contacting cwall@sdblincoco.ie. Please support the campaign by following and sharing #LoveLucan posts from Dublin's Outdoors on Facebook and @dublins_outdoors on Instagram.

Lucan Promenade/Weir Update:

The opening of the Lucan Weir Promenade has been delayed again until the end of July. I have asked SDCC for a full explanation, revised site signage and updated project costs. I know residents are frustrated and will continue pressing for completion.

St. Edmundsbury Hospital Strategic Infrastructural Development Application:

I broadly support the proposed hospital but will seek changes on traffic, heritage, woodland protection and project phasing before SDCC submits its observations to An Coimisiún Pleanála. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Major Problems for Lucan Public Transport

With so many new houses being built in the Lucan area public transport cannot cope with the extra demand due to false or fake usage.



Many of the new home occupiers come from different parts of Dublin to be fortunate enough to get a home. Many of them must

travel into the city centre unnecessary to get another mode of transport out to where the work, falsely using up seats. This problem started over twenty years ago. I brought it to officialdom attention many times and put forward simple alternatives to address this problem, but I was always ignored as they know they can do as the please with no accountability. Now there is a simple solution how these problems can be addressed. Will I be ignored again by all who have a say.

Tom Newton 086 3127364
Lucan Planning Council

Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism
They learn to condemn
If children live with hostility
They learn to fight
If children live with ridicule
They learn to be shy
If children live with shame
They learn to be guilty
If children live with tolerance
They learn to be patient
If children live with encouragement
They learn to be confident
If children live with praise
They learn to appreciate
If children live with fairness
They learn to be just
If children live with security
They learn to trust
If children live with approval
They learn to like themselves
If children live with acceptance and friendship
They learn where to find happiness in the world.

Castletown House Celbridge

Castletown House and Parklands are hosting a variety of events in July 2026, including concerts, historical talks, guided tours and the highly anticipated annual Castletown Festival running from July 31st to August 3rd.

- **July 9th – July 19th:** The Swift and Vanessa Festival marks Gulliver's Travels 300th anniversary with a wide range of events including discussions with writers, concerts, art exhibitions, art and writing workshops, crafts and more. It culminates in an event celebrating Gullivers Travels in Castletown House on the Sunday 19th July.
- **July 11th:** ***"A Virtual Walk Through Donaghcumper"***, an illustrated talk by Sandra M. Murphy exploring the OPW's newly acquired heritage property
- **July 15th:** A special exhibition tour of ***"My Friend Picasso"*** with David Davison at Castletown
- **July 17th:** Festival Talk: An event hosted in the Hunting Room 5.30pm – 7.15pm
- **July 24th:** An evening concert in the Hunting Room by the Ramelli-Savigni-Leathwood Guitar Trio, featuring classical and contemporary guitar music.
- July 31st – August 3rd: Castletown Festival. Kicking off with a stellar music lineup featuring Nathan Maher & Folk'd Up and more – 6.00 pm to 12.00 am daily



- **July 29th:** The Country Market and Craft Fair in the Courtyard, featuring local stalls free music July at Castletown

**Country Farm
&
Craft Market**



- **Every Saturday:** The weekly, free community Parkrun taking place around the 5k Castletown parklands every Saturday at 9.30am



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree are on holidays and they will resume on Friday 4th September at 10.30 in the Parish Centre.

Last week, while in St. Edmundsbury, Joe captured a photo of wild flowers against the backdrop of a ripening cereal crop. This week he has sent us a photo of that crop being harvested. He also got to Sandycove where he spotted a cruise liner in Dublin Bay. Dublin Port is expected to receive about 150 cruise liners accommodating over 200,000 passengers and crew in 2026.



The house, originally a 13th-century castle, was extensively altered between 1731 and 1741. Those of our readers of a certain vintage will remember that a fire in 1974 left the house lying as a shell. It was renovated in 1996.



Josie has been keeping an eye on the bees in her garden!

Stay safe until next week!



Donal got to Powerscourt Estate and sent us photos taken from inside the Boat House with a marvellous reflection of the sky, a photo of the house and one of a view of the Sugarloaf Mountain taken from the upper stone terrace.



In contrast Nuala sent us a view from Mulranny in County Mayo where she says it had been misty and raining all weekend! Mulranny is one end of the Great Western Greenway which follows the line of the Achill to Westport Railway that closed in 1937. The other end is in Newport, the ancestral home of the actress Grace Kelly and where the parish church contains a stained-glass window by the great Irish artist, Harry Clarke.

