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Little House on the Prairie

I recently watched the new production of Little House on the Prairie on Netflix! Nothing quite beats the old production with Michael Landon and team of the original TV item. However, it's easy and gentle watching for the lazier months of summer nights and a happy distraction after watching discussion and news of current affairs.



I don't ever remember seeing or reading the first part of the journey of the Ingalls family on their first stop in the prairie land. They had to up sticks again when the land was taken from them along with their livelihood. They were distraught and despaired of ever making a way of life in the new country for themselves as they left the first settlement. However, we know that they found their place which became their forever home after this and lived long fruitful lives.

This is the stuff of fiction. However, we know that fiction is built on the true life of individuals and combinations of individuals! Is this not the story of each of us when we hit a wall or need to take new direction in life! We usually see this as an end rather than an opportunity for a new beginning, and perhaps an even better way of living. Sometimes the problems or issues present like a mountain over which we can't see. The only way of getting to see what is over the other side is to climb, keep going and use the obstacles as steps to climb to the new place intended for us and best suited for current living.

The story of the Ingall's family is built of the values of family, community, truth and justice. No compromise gets past those values. They move along and attract those with similar values and they remain open to connection with others. They gain what they need and share what they have with the gift of life as the most treasured resource.

This fictional story is a good framework against which to consider how we are with the various aspects of our own lives. Life is a very short journey and it is important to make each part of it matter as we move along. Mistakes and embarrassing moments become of value if they provide a learning and a way of refocusing so that our daily purpose becomes one that really matters.

As the sun shines brightly and long these days, may we each shine a light of hope for one another and be the consolation and hand up for those who have a mountain in life to climb over right now to find a new place to set their house down in the prairie. Our lives matter! This day matters!

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

You can opt out of the MyFutureFund Pension Scheme

Do you want to opt-out of the MyFutureFund Pension Scheme?

If you are an employee and were not paying into a pension, you may have been automatically included (auto-enrolled) in a new pension scheme on 1 January 2026.

The fund aims to help you increase your financial security for your retirement years.

From 1 July 2026, if you were enrolled in the scheme, you can choose to leave it and get a refund of your pension contributions so far.

You have a 2-month window to leave the scheme. After this, you won't be able to opt out.

You can pause your contributions at any time after the first 6 months.

If you choose to pause it, all your contributions are kept in your fund until you start making contributions again. You need to wait at least 12 months before you can start making contributions again.

Learn more about MyFutureFund on our website.

Restricted Breeds of Dog in Ireland

On 1 October 2024, a ban on XL Bully dogs began in Ireland. This is the only breed of dog that is currently banned in Ireland. Read more about the ban on XL Bully dogs in Ireland on our website.

Certain types or breeds of dog are classed as restricted breeds. There are additional rules you must follow if you have a restricted breed of dog. This applies to the following types of dog, as well as strains or cross-breeds of these breeds:

American pit bull terrier
English bull terrier
Staffordshire bull terrier
Bull mastiff
Dobermann pinscher
German shepherd (Alsatian)
Rhodesian ridgeback
Rottweiler
Japanese akita
Japanese tosa
Bandog



In Ireland restricted dogs (or strains and crosses of them) must be:

Kept on a short strong lead (under 2 metres)

With someone over the age of 16, who can control them.

Muzzled when in a public place.

Wearing a collar with the name and address of their owner, at all times.

The rules on muzzling and leashing do not apply to dogs used by the:

Gardaí
Dublin Harbour Police
State Airport Police
Rescue teams in rescue operations

The rules on muzzling do not apply to guide dogs for the blind.

Rules if you own a greyhound

Greyhounds are not a restricted breed. However, there are specific rules if you are out with your greyhound in a public place. You must:

Always have your greyhound on a leash

Never walk more than 4 greyhounds at a time

These rules apply to greyhounds, whippets as well as strains or cross-breeds of these breeds.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

is recognised as Ireland's leading animal welfare charity. Their role is to prevent cruelty to animals, to promote animal welfare and to proactively relieve animal suffering in Ireland. Phone 01 4994700.

Report cruelty:

Dublin and surrounding area -01 4994727

All other areas – 0818 515515

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.

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

Final Summer Issue Next Week!

Next week's issue, **Sunday 26th July** will be our final publication before our 4-week summer break.

Notices for events for The **month of August**, especially any for **Heritage Week**

should be with us by next **Wednesday night, 22nd July 10pm** at the latest.



We held the **GARDEN OPEN DAY** in aid of LauraLynn on 13th June last. The many visitors generously donated to this worthy cause. Neighbours supported with delicious baking, serving tea/coffee and making all feel welcome. It is lovely to witness such community spirit in our area.

A big THANK YOU to EVERYONE.

Joe & Áine Clayton



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.

Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &

Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Parish Notes

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 1030am and 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of August 2026 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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.

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.

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.

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 family and friends of **Emily Bennett**, Esker Lawns, and to the husband, family and friends **Pauline Jordan**, Beech Grove
May they rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul St Mary's Conference

Church collection at all Masses
THIS Saturday / Sunday 18th / 19th July.

Summer Dues

The Summer Dues collection was initiated during the pandemic to maintain the Common Fund that supports the clergy. This support is still necessary.

Thank you for your generous support of the clergy throughout the year.

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

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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 **THIS 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*

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



Byzantine Iconography course

using the traditional technique of egg-tempera & gold leafing

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan

10th - 16th of August

Tutor: Mihai Cucu - iconographer

E-mail: mihalcucu78@gmail.com

Whatsapp: 0870903568

St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Lottery

Join our weekly Parish Lotto

Your support makes a real difference. The jackpot increases every week plus a weekly prize.

To join now simply go to our parish website

<https://www.stpatrickslucan.ie/st-patricks-parish-lucan-lottery/>



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NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE - 26 JULY 2026

KNOCK SHRINE

**CELEBRATING
WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
& THE ELDERLY**

'I will never forget you' (Isaiah 49:15)



- Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of all Ireland
- Director of Music Una Nolan & Choirs
- Special Guest Dana Rosemary Scallan
- Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica - 2:30pm
- Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 3:00pm
- Rosary Procession after Mass (weather permitting)
- Children's Prayer Appeal for Grandparents, send or bring prayers to the CGA office at Knock Shrine
- Plenary Indulgence granted for the occasion

*** Please organise transport with your local parish.

THOSE UNABLE TO JOIN US IN PERSON CAN TAKE PART ONLINE AT WWW.KNOCKSHRINE.IE/WATCH
www.knockshrine.ie - Telephone: +353 (0) 34 938 8100



Phew! We're not made for this weather, but still it's great to get a bit of it over our summer. It's the kind of weather that makes you wonder why people go abroad for the sun.....



St. Swithin's Day fell on Wednesday gone, 15th, and not a drop of the wet stuff was to be found around Lucan, but we heard that Donegal got a few splashes during the week!

And now we have a **Hosepipe Ban** to contend with! It's no harm, as we should be careful with water anyway. So long as we have a little drop for the flowers now and then, Birdie will be happy....



Lucan is Blooming Lovely! Our Tidy Towns people are doing splendid with the lovely flower beds around Lucan at the moment. We've seen them out tidying and weeding on a daily basis. Well done to each and every one of them!

Good luck to Dublin Ladies, especially Lucan Sarsfields girls, **Abby, Siobhan and Sophie**, who take on Kerry in the All Ireland semi-final this Saturday in Thurles, and of course special good wishes go to their manager, Lucan man, **Paul Casey. Up the Dubs!**

Unfortunately, our Dubs Men missed out on their final last Sunday, and it was also sad to see the last of Ciaran Kilkenny playing for Dublin. Birdie can remember him as a skinny teenager coming to visit the young boys and girls at Sarsfields many years ago.....

All Ireland Hurling Final this weekend also between Galway and Limerick! The Dubs did well in the competition this year, so maybe next year they'll go further.....

World Cup Final this Sunday, and the good news is that Birdie is in a sweep with Argentina of all teams. The semi-final against England was a very scrappy and niggly affair on Wednesday night. It was always going to be ecstasy for one team, and heartbreak for the loser. No doubt it will be the same on Sunday when Argentina take on Spain!

Don't forget! Next week's Lucan Newsletter will be the final issue before we take our Summer break, so make sure to have all those August event notes with us by next Wednesday night!

A Sign about a Sign!

A Planning Application Notice has gone up in Lucan Village, advising us of a proposed digital advertising display panel at "West side of the junction of Main Street and Lower Main Street/Dispensary Lane, Lucan."

It is item number 6 on a long list of sites proposed. Adamstown is also there.

The plans are available for inspection online, and also at SDCC Offices, Tallaght, from 1st July until 12th August. The 12th August is also the cut-off date for any submissions!

Somehow, Birdie doesn't think that the above sign is in place since 1st July!



Did you know that each month has its own tree?

For July it's the Holly Tree!

"With its glossy evergreen leaves and bright red berries, holly might feel like it belongs to Christmas, but it's actually the birth month tree for July babies everywhere. It has long symbolised protection and resilience.

In Celtic lore, it was believed to guard homes and sacred spaces. And, as a birth month tree, holly represents strength, determination and an ability to remain calm in challenging situations. People connected with holly are often described as loyal, courageous and quietly powerful.

Holly trees also provide important winter shelter and food for birds and other wildlife, making them a valuable addition to many gardens."

Purple Hairstreak Butterfly

Here is a photo of a purple hairstreak butterfly which with patience can be seen around Lucan during the months of July and August. These little gems can be seen mostly in oak trees and usually high up close to the canopy where they feed on honey dew secreted by aphids.

If you are extremely lucky you may encounter an individual at head height or lower when occasionally one will drop down to feed on nectar or dew.



Incidentally the attached photo with the open wings taken on Saturday last is the only such shot I have got in twenty years.

The name hairstreak comes from the delicate hair like white line that is visible on the underwing. The purple bit of the name is attributed to the purple patches on the upper wing which shows best in good sunlight. To stand a chance of a good view it is advisable to have a pair of binoculars with you. Otherwise, if looking with the naked eye all you will see is the fast erratic flight of what looks like a silver coin moving through the oak leaves.



They are present in the oak trees of Lucan Demesne and St Edmundsbury but patience is required.

Many thanks to Sean Geraty for the above article and photos.

Lucan Lions Club

At the Lucan Lions Club on 14 July, Club President Will Byrne presented the 2026 President's Award to Kevin and Catherine O'Loughlin.



This is an annual award by the Club and it is presented to individuals or groups who have contributed substantially to the enhancement of the Lucan community.

In presenting the Award, President Will referred to the fact that Kevin and Catherine are well known in the community through their leadership of the Lucan Tidy Towns Committee. They and their loyal band of volunteers are highly visible in Lucan village and its environs. These community efforts over many years have been recognised in particular this year with the Award of a Gold medal. This is a truly well-deserved reward for their consistent and outstanding efforts to enhance the community. Kevin and Catherine go about their business quietly, efficiently and in a highly professional and collaborative manner.

President Will concluded by stating that they are the finest example of community focussed people and apart from Lucan Tidy Towns and are also involved in other community activities.



Kevin and Catherine receiving the Award from President Will, and below one of their beautiful creations, at the corner of Dodsboro/Leixlip Road



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/>



Guided Historical Tour of Lucan Demesne: archaeology & local history

By Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

Wednesday 12 August, 11am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 16 September 11am – 12.30pm

Booking via Eventbrite:

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

Insights into Penal Laws and Catholic Clergy

Published by Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

On July 9, 2026

Lucan & Clondalkin "Popish Parish Priests" get a mention in the publication from 1705 called:

"A List of the Names of the Popish Parish Priests throughout the Several Counties in the Kingdom of Ireland: Together with Their Number in Each County; Places of Abode; Age; Parishes of Which They Pretend to Be Popish Priests; Time of Their Receiving Popish Orders; Places Where They Received Orders; From Whom They Received the Same; and Also the Sureties' Names that Entered into Recognizance for the Said Priests", which was compiled following the registration of Catholic clergy, required under the Penal Laws.

It was an official government publication compiled under the Penal Laws to register and monitor Catholic clergy. It was produced by the Dublin administration under the authority of the Crown and the established Church of Ireland, reflecting the sectarian legal system that imposed restrictions on the practice of the Catholic faith. It is worth bearing in mind that the Penal Laws also targeted other Protestant Dissenters such as Quakers, Baptists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, etc.

It recorded each registered priest's name, age, parish, residence, the date and place of their

ordination, the bishop who ordained them, and the names of the two guarantors who entered into a legal bond to vouch for the priest's good conduct and compliance with the law.

Popish Priests' Name: Francis Hughs,

Places of Abode: Lucan,

Age: Thirty six years,

Parishes of which they pretend to be Popish

Priests: Lucan,

Time of their receiving Popish Orders: 21st September 1692

Place where they received Orders: Kilkenny,

From whom they receiv'd the same: James Whelan, Titular Bishop of Ossory.

As the church of St. Finian's, Esker, was under the Clondalkin parish at this time (or so I believe, but happy to be corrected?)

Popish Priests' Name: James Buttler,

Places of Abode: Bellamont,

Age: Forty four years,

Parishes of which they pretend to be Popish

Priests: Clondalkin,

Time of their receiving Popish Orders: 9th September, 1681

Place where they received Orders: Creggin Com. Galloway,

From whom they receiv'd the same: Thady Keogh, Titular Bishop of Clonfert.

Sadly, in both cases, we don't have details of the two guarantors for the above Priests.

Interestingly enough, in another page of the document, Chapelizod is spelled "Chapell-Izord" which is very close to the modern pronunciation of it – something that the Lucan Newsletter recently flagged!



[Image: Paul Butler, SOL, medieval graveyard in Lucan village]

The Restructuring or De-Greening of Lucan Village

Local man, Liam Murray shares his thoughts on the above matter with our readers.

Background

Lucan is a village that is steeped in history and charm with period buildings from Georgian, Edwardian and Victorian times. The charm of the village has been dramatically changed recently by the construction of a massive stone structure in the village green that is not in any way in keeping with the **Georgian, Edwardian and Victorian character of the village**.

The design should have produced a structure that could be appreciated primarily for its beauty and emotional power. The grey lifeless boulders have little or no emotional appeal or relationship with the existing village ambiance.

The structure has proven to be not easy to maintain in an "as new condition " it has proven to be easily stained and attempts at removal have failed to date. The stone material is limestone and is porous therefore cleaning will be problematic.

The SDCC have stated the that the stains can be removed by rainwater; it can be stated with confidence that rainwater has not removed the multitude of stains. The problem increases with daily usage. It is evident that the site is rapidly becoming derelict and very unsightly.

There are many towns and villages around Ireland who value their village history and heritage. Would they consider or approve a structural change to their village as has occurred in Lucan? Such as Adare village in Limerick, Tyrrells pass in Westmeath, Geashill in Offaly for example only.

Recommended Action to Alleviate Problem

Fit wood effect tiles as shown in photo to soften and warm up the cold lifeless limestone boulders and make the structure more in line with the village's history, charm and ambiance.

The tile fitment would also alleviate the existing problem of staining on the porous limestone structure; the tiles can be simply wiped clean with a dry cloth.

Liam Murray

Photo shows limestone structure before and after wood effect.



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

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

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

lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

or call (01) 6283557.

Ladies of Lucan

ADAMSTOWN SISTER SHED

Bringing Women Together for Fun & Friendship!

Ever wanted to try fun, interesting, educational things?

We do creative arts, wellbeing, poetry, hypnosis, trips to Bewley's Theatre, day trips to Holyhead, boules, meet-ups with Lucan's Men's Shed, and even enjoyed coffee with our Community Gardai! & more!

Join us at: Adamstown Community Centre – Every Friday • 10am – 12pm

Call or WhatsApp: 087 2795274

We'd love to see you!

Sister Sheds



THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Would you like a career in Care?

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland are looking for carers to work in our Homecare team. (South Dublin)

Fetac level 5 desirable but not essential

All hours considered.

If you are interested in this position, please contact
Homecare Manager - Adrienne McAvinue
086 838 1215 to find out more.

Together we can make a difference

Lucan Library – July Events

Lucan Library Classic Film Club

Tuesday 21st July from 5.30.



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](#)



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

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

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



Every Monday in July
3pm Storytime

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.

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.**



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

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



Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:

Drop in from **6.00pm -7.00pm on 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

Thursday 30th at 6.00pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Additional Adult Events

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



Little Library Books are back.

If you have a child starting school in September, ask for a free Little Library Bag.



• My Open Library

My Open Library is a new service that offers extended library opening hours by allowing access to register My Open Library members outside of staffed hours. How does it work?

- You must go through an induction with staff before you can register for MOL.
- Once registered, you can scan your library card at the door to enter the library during My Open Library Hours and not allow access to others.
- My Open Library will let you enter the library between 8am and 10pm every day - even bank holidays!

Ask staff at the desk about registering for My Open Library extended hours access!

EXHIBITIONS



Edna O'Brien The Life and Times
The Blue Max Exhibition –
23rd July – 22nd August.

Griffeen Junior Parkrun



Join us at Griffeen Valley Park **every Sunday morning at 9.30am** for a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

Register at www.parkrun.ie before you first come along to get your individual barcode and bring this along each week to scan and receive your finish time.

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

For more information or to volunteer just

Email griffeenjuniors@parkrun.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and news.

Three life Modes, Work, Housing, and Transport

Ireland is evolving fast, population growing, growth rising, needs housing and transportation.

Firstly, people usually get work after college, then the housing chase begins but they have no control over it in the present house location climate, resulting in higher costs. Public transport designs should not aid house price increases with Metro Link or any other transport that does the same. Housing and public transport are interlinked. Plan Fast Frequent and Flexible. F.F.F.

People chase housing wherever possible to get one. In the past it was adjoining counties due to availability and affordable costs. It is usually not near where they live, this creates to more car driving adding to traffic congestion and takes them away from the wider family support network. Now due to planning guidelines, house building is near rail lines, rightly so. All the new towns with available lands for housing are close to a rail line but unfortunately all the rail lines are city centre bound, a major flaw when so many people now work outside the city centre forcing many users from these new towns and elsewhere to go via the centre to get to work to areas outside the city centre. This adds to their travel day, wastes seat usage, requires more vehicles, keeps existing rail capacity to just 50% efficiency. This means in Dublin 3 rail lines operate empty daily. This commuter problem can be solved if one of the three

life modes can adjust. Work can't adjust in any significant way. Housing cannot adjust either as people have no choice where to buy a house. Public Transport is the only one that can adjust, unfortunately never in any plans.

Adamstown/Clonburris the first of these towns that is now faced with this commuter problem of going via centre unnecessary to get to work. This will become a major problem when the other nine new towns are built. They will provide over 250,000 homes, up to an extra million people. This along with housing developments in adjoining counties who want to access Dublin. This is why we have come up with a plan that can ease these growing traffic problems especially on the M50 and help address climate change, with a bigger reduction in the use of fossils fuels. It is known as the Newton or Newtown Plan. It takes people direct to all destinations in Dublin in a timely manner, very important for work and makes the three life modes feasible by maximising public transport particularly the full use of rail. This can be done by one rail line in best location, in line with the three principles of planning that can increase rail use by over 5-fold.

Dublin is a relatively small city and the one rail line solution (Missing rail link) makes access to all areas reasonably fast and quick aided by using standard rail gauge to reduce unnecessary changing vital for work, especially for longer distance users and Island platforms, where users don't have to cross rail tracks, this is great for disabled users, women with children and elderly.

This system will be helpful to maintain close family bonds of yester years due to easier access.

This system also aids family closeness for country users as many more can access work by rail.

Another big advantage of this plan, it keeps to the three great principles of planning. 1. Direct

access. 2. All in best location to suit users. 3. In solving a problem don't create another,

Dublin is getting a Metro; new plan is a Metro Dart overground. Like a road, direct to all areas. It links in with all other modes of transport, can be done quickly and it self-finances. Cycling gets a new system Equal Cycling Priority as it is not possible to put a cycle lane on every road. City Centre needs G-Link orbital Luas to disperse around city the large numbers arriving in centre.

Quay Bus Contraflow, best place, engine of bus network. City Interchange benefiting all users.

Home working helps now, 4-day week helps later, eventually running out of road, let's get on right track now with the Metro Dart that benefits all areas of Ireland including Dublin city centre. With all city rail lines being upgraded to Dart makes the Metro Dart even more viable now.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 @acratu



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 9th July lotto jackpot of €15,000. The numbers drawn were

1, 8, 15 & 19.

Lucky dips go to PJ Finnerty, Pierina Fusciardi, Bernard Young, Catherine Dardis, Con, Charlie, Danny & Annie McCaffrey. This week's Lotto on Thursday 16th July will be for a jackpot of

€15,400. This draw is sponsored by McDonald Property and will be led by Edel Mooney. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Summer Camps

Our Cul Camps started this week, and the boys and girls have been treated some great weather to make it even more enjoyable for both them and our coaches.

We still have spaces available for our upcoming camps with our first club camp starting on Monday 20th July. Sign up now to avoid disappointment.

As always thank you to our camp sponsor Keane Windows for their continued support.

Hurling Championship

The Hurling Championship returns this weekend with a full schedule of fixtures across all grades, and plenty of opportunities to get out and support our teams.

Our Senior Hurlers begin their championship campaign on Saturday evening with a big clash against Ballyboden St Enda's in Parnell Park at 5.30pm. After weeks of preparation, the panel will be eager to make a strong start, and your support in the stands can make all the difference in what promises to be a competitive encounter. At home in the 12th Lock, both our Intermediate and Junior A Hurlers will be aiming to build on recent momentum as they look to secure back-to-back wins. They host Fingallians and Faughs respectively in what should be two highly competitive matches.

The action gets underway on Friday evening with our Junior B and Junior C teams both taking to the field.

It's a busy and important weekend for the club, and we encourage all members, families, and supporters to get out and get behind the teams.

Dublin Underage

Congratulations to our players who recently represented Dublin at underage level in both Ladies Football and Camogie.



Well done to Leah, Aoife, Cara and Aoibheann, who represented the Dublin U13 Ladies Football team in their Player Development game against Wexford in Ferns. It was a great opportunity for the girls to showcase their talents and represent both club and county.



Congratulations also to Emily, Nora, Siobhan, Dearbhla, Leah and Trinity, who were part of the Dublin U15 Camogie squad at the Leinster Blitz in Wexford. The girls played their part in a successful day for Dublin and returned home with well-earned medals.



It's great to see so many Lucan Sarsfields players involved with their county squads, and we congratulate all the girls on their achievements. You did yourselves and the club proud!!

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.

Lucan Sarsfields Healthy Club

Free Therapy for Men
in Partnership with the HSE

MyMind are offering **six free counselling or psychotherapy sessions** in partnership with the HSE to any man in Ireland facing mild to moderate mental health challenges

See mymind.org/free-therapy-for-men for full details on how to claim your six fully-funded sessions, available face-to-face or online, subject to availability

SCAN TO VISIT
MYMIND.ORG

If you would like help getting started:
Email: hp@mymind.org
Call: 0818 508 800

MyMind is a Registered Charity and Social Enterprise
Our Sarsfields Club

Free Therapy for Men – Fully Funded Support Now Available MyMind, in partnership with the HSE, is offering six free counselling sessions to men aged 18 years and over living in Ireland.

Get support for issues like stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, relationships, and more. The initiative is fully funded by the HSE as part of additional investment in men's mental health and is now available through self-referral, meaning no GP or healthcare professional referral is required.



GAA Regional Youth Forum

The National GAA Youth Committee are extending an invitation to young people aged 12 – 21 years to attend a Regional GAA Youth Forum. The forum is open to all Gaelic game's members from the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association. The day will include a mix of chat, debate, discussion and craic!
Led by the National GAA Youth committee those in attendance will be encouraged to share their opinions and experiences of Gaelic games, both on and off the pitch.

New Conversations with Leaders

Men Learning Together for Positive Change

Conversations with Leaders

Conversations with 2026–2027, a free leadership programme that brings together men from diverse backgrounds to learn, reflect and grow together. Over six months, participants will develop practical leadership skills, strengthen their wellbeing, and build supportive networks while exploring equality, inclusion and community action. Whether you're already leading in your community or looking to become more involved, applications are open until 16 August 2026. To apply, complete the online application form at <https://mensnetwork.ie/newconversations-with-leaders/> or email sara@mensnetwork.ie if you have any questions.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Sport Development Grants:

Congratulations to 7 community & voluntary groups from Lucan who received Community Development Grants totalling €13,650. All applications were assessed by SDCC's Community Development Team based on the impact organisations have on the local community.

Autism Friendly Towns Initiative:

Congratulations to Cllr Caroline Brady & Blue Connect who are undertaking the AsIAM Autism Friendly Towns initiative to build a inclusive, supportive community for Lucan. This 3-year plan aims to improve experiences for autistic residents through community engagement and providing training to businesses, sports clubs, and schools to create sensory-friendly environments throughout Lucan.

The Right to Be Forgotten:

Delighted to see this important piece of legislation for cancer patients passed in the Dail recently. This means that people who have been in remission for 5 years do not face discrimination when seeking access to financial products and services.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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My Resolutions on St. Edmundsbury Hospital Strategic Infrastructural Development Application were Added:

SDCC adopted my 3 resolutions at the July Council meeting (co-signed by Cllrs Caroline Brady, Vicki Casserly and Liona O'Toole), which were added to the Chief Executive's Report on the current Strategic Infrastructural Development application for the extended Mental Health Hospital at St. Edmundsbury. My resolutions ask that, if planning permission is granted, An Coimisiún Pleanála attach additional conditions to strengthen environmental and transport protections. These include safeguarding the pNHA woodland and protected walled garden, safeguarding woodland from heavy construction traffic, requiring a cumulative transport assessment, covering wider development in Lucan, Adamstown and Clonburris, and ensuring school-sensitive timing for construction management, together with the appointment of a dedicated Community Liaison Officer throughout the construction period.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell.

“Not just at election time”

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Village Plaza Planting:

Good to see SDCC putting in some additional trees in the village this week, down to the persistence of Helen who had to table specific motions about this.

We were originally promised additional planting after trees that were supposed to be retained were removed, with various excuses given. SDCC did a u-turn on this and it took a bit more prodding to get to this level. More is needed but it's a start. Full history on my website under “village green”.

Dáil Report:

Busy week before recess. Raised antisocial behaviour consequences again, contributed on impact of AI on artists and musicians etc and “Jennie’s Law” legislation. Also highlighted childcare issues among other things.

Rotating Café Clinics:

These continue during summer. Keep an eye out on website.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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Willsbrook:

A tree at Willsbrook Crescent was reported leaning into the roadway posing a risk to road users. Following engagement with the Council, the tree was promptly removed. Thank you to the Council team for their quick response in addressing the issue.

Watery Lane, Lucan Village:

Trees lining Watery Lane towards the Liffey Weir had become significantly overgrown, and following my request, the Council completed pruning works this week.

Outdoor Advertising Consultation:

A public consultation on proposed Outdoor Advertising is open until **12 August 2026 at 11.59pm**. The project proposes new digital advertising display units across SDCC lands for civic and commercial advertising. Proposed locations in the Lucan area include Main Street Lucan, Adamstown Avenue/ Boulevard, and the R136 Grange Castle Road near Kishoge Railway Station. Residents may review the proposals and make a submission

at: Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie click Consultations.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week we begin with a photo of Frances's first Sun Flower and a fine specimen it is too. A common misconception is that flowering sunflower heads track the Sun across the sky. Although immature flower buds exhibit this behaviour, the mature flowering heads apparently point in a fixed, typically easterly, direction throughout the day! Sun Flowers can grow to 12 feet tall.



Rose gave us a photo of the Jeannie Johnson moored at the North Wall. This is a replica of the Famine ship that between 1848 and 1855 made 16 trans-Atlantic crossings carrying 2,500 emigrants from Tralee to Canada and sailing back with timber. In 1858, on the way from Hull to Quebec, the original ship began to take on water and eventually sank. The crew was rescued.



Joe got to Tallinn in Estonia and sent us photos of the view from the tower of the Town Hall in that city. The church was built between 1894 and 1900 and is dedicated to the Russian orthodox saint, Alexander Nevsky. During the Soviet occupation the cathedral was left to fall into disrepair but has been meticulously restored since independence in 1991.



Kay sent us some photos of some of the flowers in her garden.

Finally, Josie sent us a gem of a photo which is of budding "farmers" saving the harvest. She titled it "hard at work". I certainly wouldn't like to be doing that task in this heat!



Stay safe until next week!